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LADY HOUSTON WILL LOST

PUBLIC APPEAL BY SOLICITORS!

HUGE FORTUNE AT STAKE

London, To-day.
The will of Lady Houston, Britain's wealthiest woman, has disappeared. Hectic searches in every possible place have failed to unearth the document, which is known to have been prepared, despite a week's unremitting hunt.
Her solicitors are now issuing a public appeal for information and assistance.
The importance of the matter arises from the fact that over \$5,000,000 is believed to be involved, despite Lady Houston's large gifts to patriotic causes following the death of her husband.
The funeral of Lady Houston took place yesterday in the presence of hundreds of mourners. The graveside was piled high with flowers.—Reuter.

SUICIDE FROM AIR LINER

Well-Known Business Man Disappears

London, To-day.
The passengers of an air-liner reaching Croydon from Cologne relate the story of the alarming disappearance en route of Max Wenner, aged 50, who was returning from a holiday in Germany. The missing man seemed agitated and wrote a long letter. He then rose and went to the rear of the machine.
The passengers heard a crash and felt the machine lurch, and this was the last seen of Wenner.
The crash is attributed to the wind pressure slamming the door after Wenner fell out of the machine.
He was retired and was a well-known Shropshire businessman, reputed to be a millionaire.—Reuter.

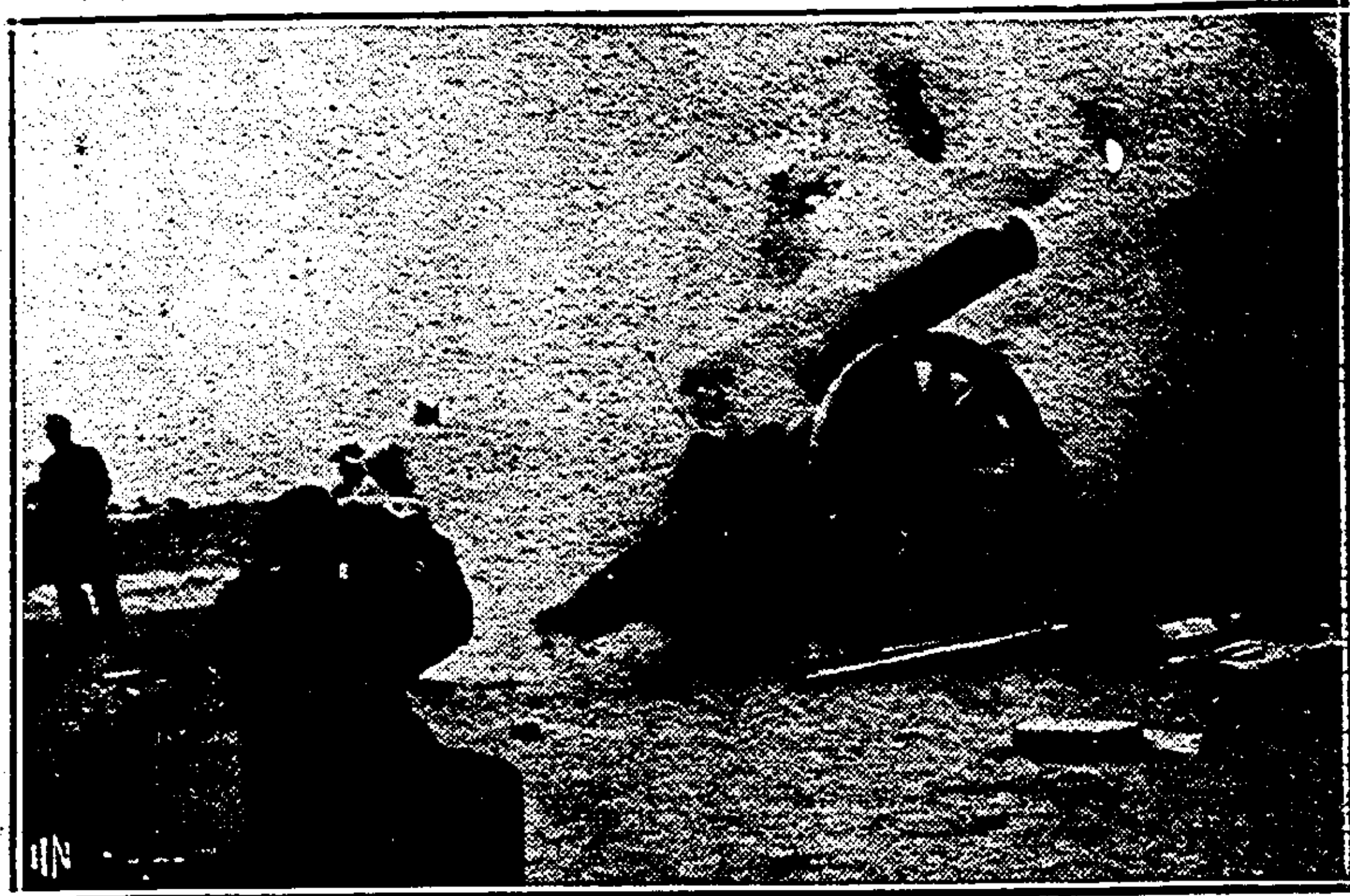
CHINA NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

Several Foreigners Decorated

Nanking, To-day.
Hon. Mr. Manuel Quezon, First President of the Philippines, heads the 30 prominent foreign personalities who have been decorated by the Chinese Government in their New Year's honours list.
The Philippine President has been given the Order of the Brilliant Jade with Red Cravat and White border.
Other foreigners honoured include the Belgian Ambassador to China, Baron Guillaume, the famous British economic expert, Sir James Salter, the President of Pan-American Airways, Mr. Juan Trippe, the Editor of *Politique de Pekin*, M. Monestier, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pan American Airways, Mr. C. V. Whitney.—Reuter.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is moving eastward across S. Japan; and another is probably developing over N. China. A shallow depression covers Manchuria. Forecast: N. E. winds, moderate; cloudy generally.



A rebel gun leaping up and from the recoil of a shell fired into Madrid. Reports from the Spanish capital indicate the rebels have reinforced their attacking contingents and are ready to reopen their drive on the loyalist defenders.

AUSTRALIA ALL SET FOR VICTORY

NOW LEADING BY 376 RUNS WITH FIVE WICKETS IN HAND

BRADMAN & FINGLETON IN STAND OF 164

Melbourne, To-day.

England's hopes of securing the Ashes in three straight wins were virtually dashed this morning when Fingleton and Bradman added 61 runs without being separated. At lunch, Australia were 252 for 5, thus having a lead of 376 runs.

A later message stated that another nine runs had been added, Bradman having scored seven of these to register his tenth Test century against England. Four of these have been scored on the Melbourne ground.

Fingleton, who gave a Fingleton being 57 and Bradman scored 20 runs this morning as against Bradman's 47. The pair have now added 164 runs for the sixth wicket.

Bradman's aggregate for the present series is 223, made up of consecutive scores of 38, 0, 0, 82 and 103 not out.

There was a crowd of 40,000 present in cool, but cloudy, weather, with occasional sunshine, when Fingleton (39) and Bradman (56) went out to resume Australia's innings at 194 for 5.

The wicket will probably play slow and easy.
The sixth wicket produced 100 runs in 107 minutes and the 200 was hoisted after 252 minutes. Fingleton was then 52 as the result of a four knock. He took 158 minutes to reach the half-century, which included but one boundary. Bradman, on the other hand, displayed perfect timing to score 80 runs at a considerably faster rate than his partner. His footwork was almost perfect.

FINGLETON MISSED

Fingleton became more aggressive later, forcing drives finding gaps in a well-placed field. When 57, however, he gave a chance in the slips.
Bradman exploited the leg glance to advantage and only splendid fielding kept down his rate of scoring.
The 250 was hoisted after 323 minutes and the partnership was still unbroken at lunch, which was taken with the score at 252 for 5.

Italians Landing Confirmed

Gibraltar, To-day.
It is confirmed that about 4,000 Italians landed at Cadix from the Italian steamer *Longardia*, en route for the fronts to assist the insurgent forces.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

STOWAWAY FOUND

R.A. DESERTER FROM HONG KONG

ABOARD NANKIN

Manila, To-day.
William Gould, a deserter from the Royal Artillery, Hong Kong Command, is now on his return journey.

Gould stowed-away on the Eastern and Australian Line steamer *Nankin*, which left the Colony at 10 a.m. last Saturday. He was detained on her arrival here and is being sent back to the Colony on board the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*.—Reuter.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* is due to arrive to-morrow morning at 7 a.m.

Enquiries from Command Headquarters elicited the information that William Gould is a member of the 5th Anti-Aircraft Brigade, attached to Lyemun.

H.M.S. SUFFOLK

COMING BACK EQUIPPED TO CARRY 3 PLANES

London, To-day.
H.M.S. *Suffolk*, under the command of Captain H. C. Phillips, is commissioning at Chatham to-day for renewed service in China after over a year in the dockyard for repairs and re-equipment costing \$513,000, including additional armoured, anti-aircraft armament and provision for three amphibious aircraft instead of the single seaplane usually carried. The vessel is due to leave for the Far East on February 9.—Reuter.

BRITISH RAILWAYS SHOW BETTER RETURNS

In the first nine months of 1936, the tonnage of freight conveyed on standard gauge railways in Great Britain increased by 4.3 per cent or 2,814,743 tons compared with the corresponding period of 1935.—British Wireless Service.

SHOPPING QUEUES BOMBED

MAJORITY WOMEN AMONG SCORES OF DEAD AND INJURED

MANY DIE IN WRECK OF ROYAL PALACE

Madrid, To-day.

Bombs dropped on a queue composed mostly of women caused a shocking deathroll in an insurgent air raid at noon yesterday.

All the victims were civilian but the total has not yet been fully ascertained. It is known, however, that fifty bodies have been taken to the morgue from one district alone.

Havoc in the raid, carried out by a number of machines, is said to have been terrible.

REICH DENIES ANTI-FRENCH ASPIRATIONS

DESCRIBES BELIEF AS FANTASTIC

COMMENT ON PACT

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The influence which the conclusion of the Anglo-Italian Mediterranean Pact is likely to have on the two most important issues at present confronting European politics, namely, the destiny of Spain and the long-discussed Western Pact, is the principal topic of discussion in the Berlin press.

All angles are being surveyed. Hitherto the newspapers had confined themselves to expressing gratification at the agreement as removing the danger of friction.

The officially inspired "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says, that the Pact is an expression of the determination of both Powers to maintain order in the Mediterranean sphere and to prevent any peace-disturbing factors to gain influence there.

REASONABLE SOLUTION

In the opinion of "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" the way has been opened for England to find a reasonable solution of the Spanish question since, in their view, it is not a Fascist Spain but a Spain dependent upon Italy which is considered a danger to British interests. "Through the guarantees now given by Italy, the British attitude is now liberated from political considerations which have hitherto dominated British policy almost to the extent of finding her supporting a Bolshevik Spain."

The journal interprets the agreement as meaning that Italy now has England's recognition that Italy will not tolerate a Red State in Catalan.

It is also desirable, the editorial continues, that France should assume responsibility for the spread of Bolshevism in Europe.

GERMANY'S ASPIRATION NIL

"If it was unreasonable to attribute territorial aspirations in Spain to Italy," writes "Germania," it is completely fantastic to assume that Germany desires to establish a Fascist Spain as a fortification in the rear of a democratic France. Germany has no political aspirations in the sphere of the Western Mediterranean.—Trans-Ocean Service.

BRITAIN'S CRY OF 'HANDS OFF' IN SPAIN

LONDON ALARMED BY EVENTS

ARBITRATION IS URGED

London, To-day.
Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, returned from his holiday yesterday, faced with the anxious task of eliminating the embers of danger which have appeared in the Spanish situation since Christmas.

The chief points of complication are the molestation of British ships on the high seas, the landing of Italian volunteers at Cadix on the eve of the signing of the Anglo-Italian gentlemen's agreement, and the highly menacing development of the Palos affair.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says he understands that the British Cabinet intends that its warning to France, be also noted by any other foreign power which may entertain thoughts of entering into an open alliance with either side in Spain, though Britain would, in any case, maintain absolute neutrality while affording all the requisite protection to English shipping.

LONDON DISCOURAGED

London is discouraged, says the correspondent, at the latest of the Italian volunteers after Britain had urgently requested the powers, including Italy, to prevent the flow of volunteers towards Spain.

Other diplomatic correspondents discuss the complications in earnest. The "News Chronicle" urges the Spanish Government to submit the Palos affair to international arbitration and pave the way to relieve the tension, which is growing daily more dangerous.—Reuter.

HEROIN SEIZURE ON HUPEH

Japanese Arrested With 40 Pounds

An important heroin seizure was made by the Revenue Department soon after the a.s. Hupeh arrived from Tientsin yesterday and this morning, before Mr. K. Keen, K. Itabashi, aged 40, a Japanese, and Wong Sheung-shen, were charged with possession of dangerous drugs and with importing same into the Colony.

Revenue officer A. W. Grimmit, in charge of the case, asking for a week's remand, which was granted, stated that the case would be one for committal.

He strongly opposed bail and said that should first defendant be defended, bail would not even then be approved as the charges were very serious.

First defendant, when arrested, is alleged to have had in his possession about 40 pounds and the second defendant 20 pounds.

The report issued by the Franco forces says that among those killed on the Red side was the French major in command of the tank battalion, and a great number of French nationals serving with the "International Red Brigade."

Troops of the southern Nationalist army completed "mopping-up" operations in the recently occupied parts of the Province of Jaen.—Trans-Ocean Service.

STOP PRESS

TEST TEA: 375 for 5.

Fingleton 110 not out,

Bradman 164 not out.

Australia leads by 498

and partnership has put on,

277.



Sporting Page



L.T.A. MAKE PRESENTATION TO BRITISH DAVIS CUP TEAM

MAX SCHMELING'S LEGAL THREAT

"MUST HAVE FIRST SHOT AT BRADDOCK"

FUTURE PLANS IF HE WINS

New York, December 12. MAX SCHMELING has arrived here from Germany to make sure that nothing interferes with his promised fight with Braddock for the world's heavy-weight title next June.

Some of Schmeling's supporters have been concerned that the proposed Braddock-Louis fight at Atlantic City in February might intervene, but in view of the fact that Braddock has been demanding a \$60,000 purse for such a bout it is unlikely that it will ever take place.

Schmeling declares that if necessary he will take legal action to stop the bout. "I was promised first shot at Braddock," he said today, "and I expect to get it." Concerning his own plans if he recaptures the title, Schmeling said he would willingly defend the championship in America, but he would vigorously object to any cash forfeit to cover his promise.

It has been rumoured that the Boxing Commission might insist on \$5,000 as guarantee that Schmeling would not return to Europe if he wins.

Schmeling's plan now is to return to Germany before Christmas and be back here early in the New Year.

AUSTRALIA'S BEST WOMEN TENNIS STARS

This Year's Visit To Wimbledon

ENGLISH L.T.A. TO RETURN CALL IN 1938

(By "THE TWELFTH MAN")

London, December 9. It is now almost certain that British lawn tennis will be rejuvenated next summer by the visit of a team of Australian women who will play at Wimbledon and meet England in a special international.

According to an announcement in Australia the English L.T.A. has guaranteed £250 for the international providing Miss Joan Hartigan, who reached the semi-final at Wimbledon in 1935 after beating Miss Dorothy Round in the fifth round, and the new star, Miss Thelma Coyne, are included in the visiting team.

It is expected that four women will make the trip from Australia, the other two being Miss Nancy Wynne, a young and brilliant Victorian who this year jumped from ninth to third place on the Australian ranking list, and Mrs. Westacott, unranked owing to insufficient performances.

Miss Thelma Coyne, of N.S.W., the national junior, Victoria, and New South Wales champion, is bracketed first with Miss Hartigan.

On The Continent

The suggested itinerary of the team also includes participation in the French championships at the Stade Roland Garros, Paris, in May, and matches against France, Germany and possibly an American side.

This last-named fixture would presumably be against the American women who may enter for Wimbledon.

I have little doubt, too, that an attempt will be made to get the Australian women here in time for the Hard Court Championships at Bournemouth to be played as usual at the end of April.

The 1937-38 Return

As the English L.T.A. hope to send a women's team to Australia for the 1937-38 season over there, the series of international between the two countries could be continued without a break. The last match was played at Sydney, in November, 1934 and ended in a draw.

Our players in that contest were Miss D. Round, Miss Nancy Lyle, and Miss Dearman, then touring the Commonwealth along with F. J. Perry, H. G. N. Lee, G. P. Hughes and F. H. D. Wilde.



F. J. Perry, the former Wimbledon champion for three years in succession, who is seen above with his actress wife Helen Vinson, has received the official thanks of the L.T.A. for his services to the amateur game.

THE AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENGE

To Be Raced Off Newport On July 23 Next

London, December 26.—The first race for the America's Cup will be sailed off Newport, Rhode Island, on July 31 next. The announcement was made at the annual meeting of the Yacht Racing Association held at the Hyde Park Hotel recently.

Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith's challenger, Endeavour II, will have as "trial-horse" for the tuning-up period before the race, her predecessor, Endeavour I. This, Mr. Sopwith's challenger in 1935, now belongs to Mrs. H. A. Andrews. He has lent her to Mr. Philip Hill and Mr. F. Sigrist, who are having her fitted out as pace-maker for Endeavour II.

RANGERS LOSE TO HEARTS

Dunfermline Hold Motherwell

CONVINCING WIN FOR ALBION

London, To-day. Glasgow Rangers, holders of the Scottish League football championship and the Scottish F.A. Cup, received an unexpected setback yesterday when they were beaten by an only goal in their home fixture against the Hearts, who lost at Dundee last Saturday.

The remaining four games that were played resulted as expected, although Dunfermline did well to hold Motherwell.

Five of the ten scheduled matches were unplayed, four due to unfit grounds.

Results, as cable by Reuters, were as follows:

SCOTTISH LEAGUE First Division

*Aberdeen	Queen's Park	0	0
Albion	4 Queen's Park	0	0
+Celtic	Falkirk	2	2
Dunfermline	2 Motherwell	2	2
+Hamilton	Kilmarnock	1	1
+Hibernian	Dundee	1	1
Rangers	0 Hearts	1	1
St. Johnstone	2 Clyde	1	1
*St. Mirren	Partick	1	1
Third Lanark	3 Arbroath	2	2

* Unplayed.
+ Postponed, grounds unfit.

R. A. CRICKET TEAM FOR LARGE UNITS FINAL

The following will represent the Royal Artillery in the Final Round of the Large Units Cricket Competition to be played on the ground of the Kowloon Cricket Club next Friday, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Debut C. C. Gerthwaite (Captain), Capt. D. B. Mitchell, Lieut. L. G. Mason, Sergt. Howe, Bdr. Bancroft, L/Edr. Hobden, Bdr. Baker, L/Edr. Miles, Capt. Chaplin, Cdr. Latham and, Cdr. Marshall, 12th man, Bdr. Sumner (24) Umpire, Sergt. Bloomfield, Score: Cdr. Stokes.

In valuing metre distance performance, let's be conservative—and happy!

PRESIDENT'S PUTTER TOURNAMENT

Varsity Society's Big Golf Attraction

ROGER WETHERED'S MANT CHALLENGERS

London, December 12. There is an entry of 72 for the President's Putter tournament of the Oxford and Cambridge Golf Society, to be played on the Rye club's links at Camber-on-Sea, from January 8 to 10.

In order that only 64 players shall appear on the first day it has been arranged that preliminary games shall be decided on the preceding Thursday, when most competitors will be at Rye, many of them competing in the four-somes event for the Croome Shield.

If any entrants are due to play a Putter preliminary match and a round in the Croome Shield tournament on the Thursday, it will be left to them to come to some mutual arrangement in order that the main programme may be confined to the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Holder Playing

Roger Wethered, the British international and ex-champion, who won the event for the fifth time last January, has again entered, while others include L. G. Crawley, T. A. Bourn, English ex-champions, and Bernard Darwin, all former winners at Rye. C. J. E. Tolley, three times a finalist, J. S. F. Morrison, H. Gardiner Hill, C. de G. Watermeyer, the young South African undergraduate at Cambridge, G. G. D. Carter and P. B. Lucas, the Cambridge captain, who went with the British Walker Cup team to America this year.

Sixteen couples have so far entered for the Croome Shield, a foursomes stroke event among pairs of players from the same college at either Oxford or Cambridge.

H. BROWN JOINS PLYMOUTH

H. Brown, Chesterfield inside-right, has been transferred to Plymouth Argyle.

Anglo-American World's Open Rackets Championship

New York, December 12.—For the first time in seven years, an Anglo-American match for the world's open rackets championship will be held next year in London and New York.

D. S. Milford, who holds the British title, will meet Norbert Setzler, now professional at the New York Racket Club, who won the American Open last year.

PERRY THANKED FOR HIS SERVICES

COACHING AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FAIL

AFFILIATED BODIES' HUGE GAIN

London, December 12. UNDER Sir Samuel Hoare's chairmanship, the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association, held in London yesterday, was one of the briefest and most harmonious on record. Before his re-election to the Presidency, Sir Samuel made a reference to current events. He said he had just come from the House of Commons, where the new reign had been ratified by Parliament.

On behalf of the Association he offered congratulations to the new King, reminding a sympathetic audience that his Majesty was a good lawn tennis player and had competed at Wimbledon. The President then presented silver souvenirs of their last triumph to the members of the Davis Cup team. D. Maskell, the All-England Club professional, and Tom Whittaker, the team's trainer, also received tokens.

F. J. Perry's recent translation to professionalism was mentioned by the President. "We thank him for his services to the amateur game," he said, "and wish him all good luck."

Mr. Roper Barrett, the Davis Cup captain, in acknowledging the gifts for his team, also had a word to say about Perry. He hoped he would not be disappointed in his new career.

The Council's report and financial statement were passed unanimously. One delegate hoped action would be taken over the heavy rates and taxes levied on local clubs. His own club was mulcted in nearly £250 annually, and since the Government was bent on improving the physique of the nation he thought that an unconscionable burden. It was suggested that local associations were the proper authorities to intervene.

Happy Budget

Mr. C. T. A. Sadd, the hon. treasurer, had a happy budget to present. The Council had decided to draw upon their invested reserves to give more loans to clubs. The results from coaching expenditure at the public schools were frankly disappointing, but new interest had undoubtedly been awakened. Affiliated bodies, which only subscribed £300 annually, had received no less than £7,000 from the Council's treasury last year.

Of the few resolutions on the agenda only the proposal to revise the handicapping system at open tournaments went to a division. Mr. Heracell's official motion to abolish the existing scales and extend the maximum odds was carried by a large majority.

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COLONY BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Entries Not Yet Received

Entries for the Hong Kong Amateur Billiards Association Championships, both Senior and Junior, closed yesterday evening.

Owing to the fact that several intending competitors directed their entries to individual officials of the Association, other than the Honorary Secretary, it is not yet known how many persons have entered the competition.



H. W. "Bunny" Austin, above, Gt. Britain's lone hope in the Davis Cup singles at the moment, is a keen squash enthusiast and recently played for Old Reptonians in their Londonderry match against the Old Malvernians.

SHANGHAI'S INTERPORT SOCCER TEAM

Only Three Matches In The Colony

PRESENTATION MADE TO LIEUT. CHAPLIN

The only matter of interest at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association was the receipt of a letter from the Shanghai Football Association, giving tentative dates of the arrival and departure from the Colony in connection with the Interport, and a presentation to Lieut. Chaplin, of The East Lancashire Regiment, in appreciation of his services to the Association. Major Manners O.B.E., the Chairman, presided, and among those present were Commander C. D. Arbuthnot and Mr. T. A. Mitchell, vice-presidents, Messrs. C. M. S. Alves, W. E. Hollands, T. G. Stokes, J. McKelvie, C. A. Goldenberg, H. K. Lee, Chan Yung-king, W. Pryde, Dr. S. To Wong, Captain G. W. P. Kimm, A.E.C., Lieut. C. Chaplin and Mr. A. W. Bliss Hon. Secretary.

The Shanghai team will leave Shanghai by the s.s. Stuttgart on February 9, arriving in Hong Kong on February 9. They will return to Shanghai by the s.s. Naldera on February 13.

The team will consist of 16 players and a manager, and Shanghai has stated that, in view of the short time at their disposal, they are not in favour of a fourth game.

The following are among the Shanghai players who will be making the trip:—P. Bell (A.S.F.), G. de Boisseson (A.S.F.), "Ducky" Chen (Tung Wah), T. C. Chen (Tung Wah), Y. Y. Feng (Tung Wah), S. V. Gask (S.M.P.), S. Greenberg (S.R.C.), G. P. R. Jack (S.F.C.), N. Lee (Tung Wah), V. Roscoe (A.S.F.), V. Marcel (A.S.F.), K. S. Sen (Tung Wah), J. Taylor (Loyal Regiment), Lieut. J. W. Whiting (Loyal Regiment) and J. Ward (A.S.F.).

It was decided that the replay of the Second Round Senior Shield game between St. Joseph's and Recrelo should take place on January 23, at King's Park. In view of the fact that these teams meet in the League on that day it was agreed, on the suggestion of both clubs, that the game, to the end of the first 70 minutes, the normal (Continued on Page 5)

the teams were:—H. K. References—E. G. Lacey, T. Payne and E. Richardson; Sergt. Osborne, S. MacCormac and D. W. Ellis; A. E. Clark, H. Richards, T. Ellison, P. E. Jones and H. T. Smythe. European Press:—E. Goldman (China Mail), G. W. Giffen (S. C. Morning Post) and O. M. Omar (Indep.); S. Hamet (H.K. Daily Press), A. M. Omar (S.C. Morning Post) and A. R. Markar (H.K. Daily Press); N. A. E. Mackay (China Mail), G. C. Burnett (China Mail), M. E. Abbas (S.C. Morning Post), S. A. Gray (H.K. Telegraph) and J. Marques (H.K. Daily Press).



A. M. Omar, above, gave a splendid display for the Press eleven against the H.K. References in their football match at Sookmupoo yesterday.

PRESS DEFEAT REFEREES

Interesting Soccer At Sookmupoo

GRAY NETS TWICE FOR WINNERS

An interesting football match took place on the Sookmupoo ground yesterday evening, when the Hong Kong European Press defeated the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association by 2 goals to 1 after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

The Press dominated the exchanges and should have been half a dozen goals in the lead at the conclusion of the game.

The Referees had a sterling intermediate line in which Payne shone, his first half display at right-back being just as good. The Press defence were hard pressed at times, but invariably managed to relieve the situation by either scrambling the ball out of the danger zone or by giving away fruitless corners.

Smythe Shines

Smythe, on the Referees' left-wing, gave a fine display, but was lacking in support on the inside, although Richards was always in position to take a pass.

S. A. Gray netted both goals for the Press, but missed a penalty midway through the second half, while Osborne scored the Referees' only point which lobbed into the goalmouth which Goldman deflected into his own net in attempting to push over the bar.

Mr. Lee Wai-tong refereed and

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JOCKEY CLUB AND BETTING LEGISLATION

BIG WELSH RUGBY
PROBLEMSUGGESTED PACK AFTER
TRIAL GAME

THE SPECIALISATION THEORY

(By Rowe Harding)

London, December 9.

AFTER the Welsh Trial match on Saturday I had an interesting discussion with a former Welsh international forward on the merits of specialisation on the scrum. He played for Wales in the early post-war years, before the principle of fixed places in the scrum had been adopted in Wales, and though he was by instinct and natural capacity a wing forward, he played with success in the Welsh second row.

He wonders whether the theory of specialisation has not been carried too far. I agree that it can be. If, for instance, the three best forwards in the country happen to be second-row players, it is absurd to leave one out of the side altogether merely because the two second-row places are already filled. A good forward should be able to play anywhere in the pack. At the same time, experience has shown that certain qualities of physique or of speed may be better adapted for one position in the scrum than for another.

Last season E. Evans, the Llanelly forward, was considered by some critics to be worth his place in the Welsh side. He was then playing in the second row, and it seemed to me that, good player though he was, he was quite the wrong build for a second-row player, and therefore I did not support his claims.

POST MORTEM AFTER
BRISBANEBradman Laughed
As He LeftVERITY WAS A MOST
"PATHETIC SIGHT"

After the Australian debacle at Brisbane: "As soon as the match was over Australians made a wild rush to have a look at the pitch and to find out why it had done such queer things."

"They were very surprised to see there was nothing much wrong with it."

"It looks as if the potentialities of the England attack have been thoroughly underestimated."

"Bradman, disguised in black sunglasses, left the ground laughing at the trick Brisbane had played his team."

Most Pathetic

"Perhaps the most pathetic sight was Hedley Verity, provided with the wicket for which slow bowlers beg and pray, yet not allowed to bowl a ball."

"We were utterly unprepared to find the Australian batsmen with apparently no notion of how to play bowling of such pace as Allen and Voce in these conditions, nor yet sufficient determination to attempt to discover a defence against it."

Leyland's Century

A comment on Leyland's century at Brisbane:

"Triumphantly striding through yesterday's story is the stocky, cheery figure of Maurice Leyland. 'Leyland seems to have been acting the part of David in many matches. He scored a century in his first Test in Australia in 1928-29. He made 109 at Lord's in 1934 (Verity's great match), 153 at Manchester, and 110 at the Oval."

"You cannot fuster Maurice. He has been 99 not out overnight in a Test, and slept peacefully through the night and gone out to the wicket the next morning as if he were strolling in to tea."

QUIST LOSES
N.S.W. TITLEJohn Bromwich's
Tennis Success

Sydney, December 5. — John Bromwich, the 17-year-old ambidextrous player with a two-handed backhand, defeated Adrian Quist, the Australian champion, by 6-1, 6-2, 3-6, 5-7, 6-1 in the semi-final of the New South Wales championship today. Quist was the holder of the title, and Bromwich is the South Australian title-holder. Bromwich is one of the young players expected to be selected for Australia's next Davis Cup team.

This season he has been playing in the front row, a position for which he is naturally suited, and it seems fairly certain now that he will play for Wales, and if he does, I feel sure he will do very well.

On the other hand, Travers (Newport), who hooked for the Possibles on Saturday, is not, I think, quite such a good hooker as T. H. Morgan (Neath), who hooked for the Possibles in the first Trial match, but this slight inferiority is more than counter-balanced by Travers' advantage in height, weight and all-round ability, and I hope, therefore, to see Travers tried for the Probables in the next match.

Deserve Another Trial

The Probable wing forwards both deserve another trial, but nothing I saw on Saturday altered my view that T. Rees (Newport) and G. Williams (Aberavon) should displace Payne (Swansea) and Williams (Cross Keys).

These two played against New Zealand, Payne in the front row, Williams in the second. After the match, Payne was dropped, Williams was moved up to the front row, and Williams (Aberavon) and Thomas (Neath) were brought in as second row players. The result was a noticeable improvement in the scrummaging of the Welsh pack.

Best Welsh Pack

I do not understand why the selectors have now broken up that successful second row, nor why they reverted to an arrangement which had previously proved a failure.

In my view, the best Welsh pack which can be chosen from the forwards I have seen in the two trial matches is: E. Evans (Llanelly), Travers (Newport), T. Rees (Newport), H. Thomas (Neath), G. Williams (Aberavon), L. Evans (Newport), S. Williams (Llanelly) and Taylor (Cross Keys).

SHANGHAI'S INTERPORT
SOCCER TEAM

(Continued from Page 2)

time for a League game should count as a League fixture!

Presentation

After the meeting, Major Manners, on behalf of the Association, made a small presentation to Lieut. Chaplin, who leaves the Colony on January 12. In doing so he paid a tribute to the hard work Lieut. Chaplin had done for the Association, and wished him the best of luck.

Lieut. Chaplin replied, saying that he had always found the work of the Association interesting and felt that, by leaving, he would be losing many real friends. He appreciated the gift all the more as he understood that it was subscribed to by the members of the Council personally. He concluded by wishing the Association every success.



M. A. Oliveira, above, of the 'A' team in the Men's Doubles Badminton League, gave a fine exhibition last night against University 'B'.

BADMINTON

Chinese "Y" Troupe
"Recreio "B"UNIVERSITY TEAMS MAKE
FIRST APPEARANCES

The Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, who have only recently been promoted to be the senior division of the Hong Kong Badminton League, convincingly displayed last night that they undoubtedly rank among the strongest competitors in the Men's Doubles "A" League, when they surprisingly overwhelmed Club de Recreio "B" by nine games to nil.

At King's Park, Recreio "A" showed championship form to resist the challenge of the University "B" combination and won by the maximum margin.

The University "A" commenced their season's fixtures by beating St. Andrew's "A" by 8 games to 1. The University, however, are not so convincing and it is very unlikely that they will extend the champions when they meet. As expected, the Chinese Recreation Club easily defeated the Free Lancers.

In the "B" Division all fixtures resulted as predicted, Kowloon Tong "A" beating Kowloon Tong "B" by nine games to nil, the Victoria Recreation Club defeating the St. Andrew's "B" by 6 games to 3, and St. John's doing well to take two games from King's College, potential champions.

Saints "A" Trounced

At the University last night, the "Varsity" "A" beat St. Andrew's "A" by 8 games to 1.

T. C. Lee and P. K. Chan (Varsity "A") beat E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 21-12, 21-5.

P. V. Wong and P. E. Tan and P. K. Hui (Varsity "A") beat Fincher and Kew 21-11, 21-10.

C. H. Soon and K. S. Liew (Varsity "A") beat Gray and Guest 21-17, 21-17.

lost to Fincher and Kew 13-21, 21-18.

lost to Gray and Guest 21-18, 21-10.

lost to Broadbridge and Wong 21-17, 21-17.

lost to Fincher and Kew 13-21, 21-18.

lost to Young and Ong 21-2, 21-2.

lost to Lim and Phang 21-2, 21-2.

lost to Sousa and H. A. Alves (Recreio "A") 21-13, 21-5.

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SUGGESTIONS AT THE
GIMCRACK DINNERNEW 1½ MILE RACE FOR
ASCOT MEET?

THE NEWMARKET FINISHING POSTS

(By Hotspur)

London, December 5.

IT is unlikely that there will be any important reactions to the speeches which were made at the "Gimcrack" dinner at York on Thursday evening. Sir Walter Gilbey's comments on the chaotic state of our betting laws were well merited, but his suggestion that the Jockey Club might try to persuade Parliament to amend them is not likely to be acted upon at present.

The whole subject of betting has been complicated by the recent growth of football pools, and, whether it be urgent or not, it is too great a matter to be dealt with for some time to come. Parliament, too, may well say that it has tried to regulate betting to a certain extent by the creation of the Racecourse Betting Control Board.

Monsieur Boussac's plea for the institution of a new race, to be run over a mile and a half at Ascot, will obviously be considered sympathetically by the authorities concerned. At the same time it is doubtful if such a race would be practicable.

The Jockey Club have their own ideas about the way in which important races should be framed, and they would hardly care to have any race at Ascot which would compete with the Gold Cup, for which the best horses are trained.

For The Derby

The classic horses, in any case, are prepared for the Derby, which is run just before the Ascot meeting, and few owners would be prepared to risk them again so soon against their seniors.

The word "international" has no great significance in English racing, apart from its publicity value, and there are surely enough prizes open to foreign horses at Ascot to attract international competition without giving new labels to the names of old-established events.

Newmarket Finishing Posts

Returning to Sir Walter Gilbey's speech, I am afraid that he

T. Y. Chung and T. J. Ong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) beat Barros and Beltrao 24-23, 21-10.

best Silva and Alves 21-10, 21-6.

best Noronha and Xavier 21-6, 21-11.

F. Koh and H. Koh (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) beat Barros and Beltrao 21-11, 21-6.

best Silva and Alves 21-6, 21-8.

best Noronha and Xavier 21-8, 21-11.

At Kowloon Tong last night Kowloon Tong "A" beat Kowloon Tong "B" by nine games to nil in the "B" Division:

K. C. Ho and C. D. Alimada (Kowloon Tong "B") lost to K. C. Yeo and A. W. da Rosa 6-21, 6-21.

lost to E. A. H. Castro and E. E. Lee 18-21, 18-21.

lost to N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan 13-21, 13-21.

S. F. Smedley and J. J. Alvarez (Kowloon Tong "B") lost to Yeo and Rosa 6-21, 6-21.

lost to Castro and Lee 10-21, 10-21.

lost to Mackay and Chan 8-21, 8-21.

At Bonham Road last night King's College beat St. John's by 7 games to 2 in the "B" Division.

S. P. Chan and P. Lam (King's College) beat David Kwok and A. J. Bennett 21-5, 21-5.

best G. A. Smith and Norman Smith 21-8, 21-8.

best R. Koh and S. Trumlett 21-2, 21-2.

H. T. Woo and H. N. Chung (King's College) lost to Kwok and Bennett 10-21, 10-21.

best Smith and Smith 21-8, 21-8.

best Koh and Trumlett 21-17, 21-17.

John Pan and K. H. Lo (King's College) beat Kwok and Bennett 21-8, 21-8.

best Smith and Smith 21-8, 21-8.

lost to Koh and Trumlett 14-21, 14-21.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE
"A" Division
P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
Recreio "B" 5 4 1 22 23 8
Recreio "A" 4 4 0 24 2 8
St. Andrew's "A" 5 3 3 24 30 6
Chinese R.C. 6 2 4 26 28 4
Chinese "Y" 1 1 0 5 1 2
University "B" 1 0 1 9 3 0
Free Lancers 6 0 6 16 38 0
"B" Division
King's College 6 6 0 48 6 12
K. Tong "A" 6 4 2 23 21 8
St. John's 5 3 2 24 21 6
V. R. C. 5 3 2 22 22 6
St. Andrew's "B" 6 2 4 17 21 4
S. & S. Home 6 1 5 13 41 2
K. Tong "B" 7 3 7 23 59 9

"BUNNY" AUSTIN
HAS NOW TAKEN
UP SQUASHThird String For
ReptoniansI. G. COLLINS RETURNS
TO THE SADDLE(By "THE TWELFTH MAN")
London, December 12.

H. W. Austin has taken up squash. He is to play for the Old Reptonians in their London County Cup match against the Old Malvernians, at Lansdowne House next Wednesday. Austin will be third string, and plays J. A. Deed, the former Cambridge and Kent cricketer.

R. K. Tinkler, the Old Reptonians' first string, is another tennis player. I. G. Collins, the British Davis Cup star, is returning this winter to point-to-point racing as a means of relaxation and keeping fit.

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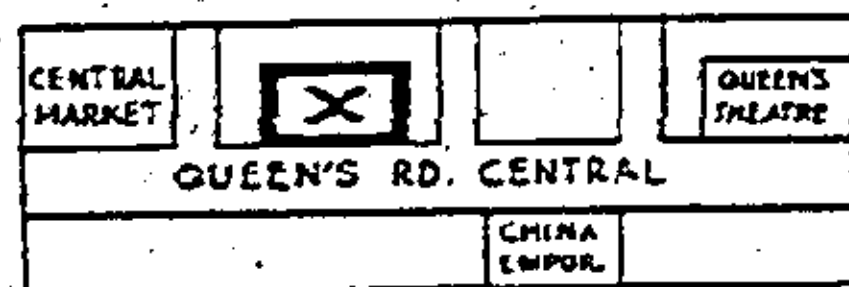
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NEW MENACE IN SPAIN

The pessimist can find plenty of scope and justification for despair psychosis in the newest developments in Spain and Spanish waters.

Germany pursues what may fairly be described as punitive measures in an effort to exact satisfaction in the Palos incident and in a situation where ideological antipathies are mutual and intense, as well as unconcealed, it would be both futile and foolish to deny the gravity of the crisis.

The British Government, having striven so persistently and with no small degree of success hitherto, to limit outside interference in the Spanish internal feud, may well feel it to be ironical that the first real peril of a clash should occur at this time, just as a substantial achievement has been chalked up on the credit side.

Agreement between Britain and Italy on Mediterranean interests, carrying with it the clearest assurances that Italy has no intention of taking any step likely to disturb the status quo in the Western Mediterranean appears, on the surface, to be relatively unimportant when considered alongside the more dramatic activities of the Koenigsberg and the Graf von Spee. It is not, however, outside the bounds of possibility that the pact's existence will have an ameliorating effect on the situation.

Germany may feel that she has been gravely provoked and yet be unprepared to force matters to a disastrous conclusion now that Italy's interest in the outcome of the battle for Madrid has become mainly academic.

Sian Finale

Chang Hsueh-liang has been granted a pardon but is to be placed under "strict surveillance" by the Military Affairs Commission.

Anyone capable of defining exactly what the effect of this official decree is likely to be, could safely be trusted to predict the course of Chinese politics for the next twelve months.

Interest in the decision lies chiefly in its apparent confirmation of the official claim that the Young Marshal's release of the Generalissimo had no conditions appended, other than, perhaps, General Chiang Kai-shek's personal promise that his detention would be regarded as an error of judgment, committed in a moment of impulse.

And of the obvious fact that China remains for ever China.

World Of Science

Scientists have now discovered how to produce gold from platinum.

The disappointing feature to them—though probably not for the rest of the world—is that platinum is much more scarce a metal than gold.

After the frantic business of going off the gold standard, it would be a pity if all the nations had now to get on a platinum standard and then, one by one, off it again.

At the same time, if scientists can make gold from platinum, perhaps they will soon be able to supply us with margarine made from butter. Then we shall be ready for the next war.

SORRY TO LEAVE R.A.F., BUT—

New Governor Is
No Grouser

"THESE THINGS HAPPEN
IN THE SERVICE"

Air Chief Marshal, Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Inspector-General of the R.A.F. shook hands cheerfully to-day when congratulated on his new appointment as Governor of Kenya. writes a Home correspondent.

Then he stuck his hands into his trouser pockets and said, more to himself than to me, "Of course, these things do happen in the Service."

Now Sir Robert is the last man in the world to grouse. He is most keen to go to Kenya, but would have liked to see the dardodils come up at Cottisford, because he has only just arrived there.

Just Moved In

Anticipating well-earned retirement, Sir Robert bought Cottisford Hall, and he and Lady Brooke-Popham have just moved in.

After three weeks' work, the place is not nearly straight.

Sir Robert surveyed the scene in silence.

Then, smilingly, he said: "We shall just get straight in time to begin to pack again, and as for the garden, well—I shall see it some day, I hope."

"The first letter I opened after we got here was the one suggesting I might like to take on this job as Governor. Strange wasn't it?"

Sorry To Leave R.A.F.

"By the way, I hope it's all right my talking to you," he asked, with apparent anxiety. "I am still a serving officer, you know, and we are supposed to be dumb."

I assured him that the advantages of conversation were permitted to governor-designate.

"I shall have to retire from the R.A.F.," Sir Robert said, "and shall be sorry about that. Still, I have had a fair innings."

"I have served as an officer longer than anyone else in the R.A.F. I am proud of that."

"Before I go to Kenya I shall have completed 25 years of flying."

"Early in 1911 I was seconded from my regiment, the Oxfordshire Light Infantry to the Royal Engineers, for service in the new air battalion—that was the beginning of the R.A.F."

"I am the only officer left; I think that there are three men still serving."

Fun Flying Then

"Queer things aeroplanes, in those days. Just a little wicker seat, a horizontal bar, and a control arm."

"Still, it was fun flying then, though we were always having engine trouble."

"The beauty of it was that, whenever anything did happen, you got down so easily."

Sir Robert has had more than his share of "adventures," particularly during the war. But I must spare his blushes.

"All being well, I shall fly to Kenya in March next, and hope to do some flying there as well."

Kenya will like her new Governor just as much as the R.A.F. will regret losing such a likeable man, such an efficient officer as Sir Robert Brooke-Popham.

Your Daily Smile!

The Yardstick
During the Territorials' annual camp an officer was giving a lesson in judging distance to a group of recruits. After several men had given the estimated distance of sundry objects he spotted one of the corporals obviously dozing. So—

"Corporal M., how far away would you say that windmill is?" he said.

Corporal M., recovering speedily from his day dream, replied unhesitatingly: "I dunno—about a tuppenny bus ride, sir."

Fish Story

"Is the fish man here to-day?"

"How shad I know. Am I my brother's kipper?"

"No, but I've been hearing things about you."

"Yat, that's the halibut."

"Yes, sir; salmon's been talking about you."

"Did I claim they weren't?"

"Pike cod, I octopus your face in."

"I'll call my father and chase you out of here."

"Trent him out, I'm not afraid."

"Whale I'd better go then."

Host: There are my grandma's ashes over there.

Guest: O, so the poor soul has passed on?

Host: No, she's just too lazy to look for the ash tray.

Here There and Everywhere.

SYDNEY SMITH'S HEAVEN

A year and a half ago extracts were quoted from "The Lighter Side of Local Government," by Mr. C. Kent Wright, the Town Clerk of Stoke Newington, which apparently appealed to the public.

Mr. Kent Wright has produced another anthology, "Speaking after Dinner," which seems to contain practically every joke the after-dinner speaker could possibly need.

Sir Seymour Hicks figures in it with his aphorism on the subject of alcohol and after-dinner speaking:

Only a genius can sparkle on water, and if he is one he doesn't try to.

There is another:

My idea of heaven is eating foie gras to the sound of trumpets.

Hardly the idea one would expect of a clergyman. But then the clergyman was Sydney Smith.

GOTHA CUTS OUT HAILE SELASSIE

A photograph of ex-King Edward in admiral's uniform is the frontispiece to the 1937 editions of the "Gothaischer Hofkalender," the German version of the Almanach de Gotha. This, the 174th edition, has just been issued by its traditional publishers, Justus Perthes, of Gotha.

The editors have decided to follow the example of the German Government and recognise King Victor Emmanuel as Emperor of Abyssinia. The former imperial family of Ethiopia is now altogether omitted.

Another interesting innovation is that for the first time members of German families are requested to give details of their rank in such Nazi organisations as the storm troops, the protective guards, and the motor corps, in which the Duke of Sachsen Coburg und Gotha is a high officer.

The mystic letters D.A.G. (Deutsche Adelsgenossenschaft) indicate that the fortunate scion of a noble house who is entitled to place them after his name is of pure "Aryan" descent and married to an "Aryan."

Prince Bernhard zur Lippe-Biesterfeld, the fiance of Princess Juliana of Holland, is included as a member of the incoy house of Lippe.

WAR ON THE RABBIT AUSTRALIA DESPAIRS OF VICTORY

ALL EXPERIMENTS FAIL

If you want to learn how a whole continent is imperilled by a fastbreeding animal, read David G. Stead's "The Rabbit of Australia." The rat, the English sparrow, are harmless pests compared with the rabbit. Something of its productivity can be gathered from the fact that two dozen wild ones placed on a Geelong estate in 1839—at Geelong are the plains which form the greater part of Australia—had in six years increased to about 30,000, of which 20,000 were killed. Fully three-quarters of Australia is now overrun.

Both rabbit and sheep eat the same food. But the rabbit selects the finer and richer grass and crops more closely. In a drought it always wins the struggle for existence. The sheep die first, enough rabbits remain to propagate their kind. One of the commoner sheep feeders is the mulga scrub, which grows in dense thickets. The leaves are relished by the sheep. In fact they are its mainstay in a drought. But rabbits eat the mulga seedlings and ring the bushes. When the ground is bare the wind sweeps away the top soil and reduces all to a desert.

The fox was introduced. He killed more lambs and chickens than rabbits. Artificially introduced epidemics could not clear the vast areas affected.

Control Measures

Control was tried. The government put up over 6,000 miles of wire fencing. There were fences within fences. Thus was the spread of the rabbits fought, not too successfully.

Trapping and digging proved to be expensive. Poisons killed both the rabbits and the more beneficial animals. Carbon disulphide and carbon monoxide had only a brief effect when turned into burrows.

Stead recommends cyanogas, a calcium cyanide in dust form. When moistened with water in the ground it generates hydrocyanic acid gas, the most deadly fumigant known. The compound takes a day to decompose after a few puffs have been introduced into a warren and the entrance has been closed. Stead claims that rabbits can thus be cleared

from a sheep run at a cost of 6 pence an acre, which seems low enough.

But the sheep herders are not convinced. Neither is the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research of Melbourne. After studying the sad condition of South Australia that body concluded recently that it is impossible to exterminate the rabbit, though there is hope of checking the spread of the pest. It now costs £1,000,000 a year for control—just about the amount brought in by the export of rabbit skins and frozen rabbits. But the loss in ruined pastures and lowered output of wool amounts to a hundred times as much.

COLOURED ACTORS' £125 A WEEK

AGENCY WINS
CLAIM

The salary of two coloured American stage artists, playing as Harris and Howe, was discussed at Westminster County Court, last month, when they were sued by Forsters' Agency, of Piccadilly Circus, W., for £26 10s as commission.

The defence was that Harris considered the agency had not given sufficient care to obtaining engagements, and that the contract with Forsters, as sole agents, had been broken.

Mr. George Foster said that Harris and Howe came from America to the London Palladium at £125 a week. He was able to get other dates at that figure, but later he told Harris that he considered it too much. Harris refused to consider working at £90 a week.

Later he heard that Harris had booked with other agents to appear at £80 to £90 a week.

Harris, giving evidence, said that he had no recollection of refusing to work for £90.

Judge Dumas, giving judgment for the agency, said that he did not think that Forsters had been neglecting the interests of the pair.

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

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YOU'RE ALL WET!
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ENTIRE WEIGHT

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OF A ROSE
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OR THE BALL TOUCHING THE TABLE!

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OF FOND DU LAC, WIS.

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FAILED TO TAKE UP ROOMS

RESERVATION CANCELLED

MRS. ROWE SUES

Mrs. M. Rowe, proprietress of Marble Hall private hotel, claimed \$245 damages in an action against Mr. P. S. Glead, of the British-American Tobacco Company, for breach of contract before the acting-Puisne Judge, Mr. J. J. Hayden, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, of Messrs. Hall Brutton and Company, appeared for defendant, while plaintiff was represented by Mr. G. S. Hughes-Jones.

The claim concerned a contract alleged to have been made by defendant with the plaintiff, whereby the latter was to provide defendant's wife and two children with board and lodging at Marble Hall at the rate of \$350 per month, or \$400 per month should defendant himself stay there. The plaintiff claimed a month's charges, less \$105.

Giving evidence, Mr. Rowe, husband of plaintiff, stated that defendant informed him on October 20 last, by telephone, that they were not going to take up the rooms which had been reserved for his wife and children.

The case is proceeding.

BRITON CLAIMING DAMAGES

Motor Car Incident: Taxi Involved

Pang Shui-ting, a taxi driver, was this morning summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for driving taxi No. 680, without due care and caution on December 13.

Mr. D. McCullum, who was in Court, said that the summons had been taken out by the Police following a report by Mr. J. V. Roberts, of Courtland, and he (Mr. McCullum) was representing Mr. Roberts in a civil claim arising from the same incident.

He had no previous knowledge that the police were proceeding with the case and he felt that no question of compensation or claim should arise out of the summons. The case was adjourned till Thursday afternoon.

INCOME TAX IN KWANGTUNG

Law To Be Enforced From Jan. 1

Canton, To-day. — The Kwangtung Provincial Government has been instructed to enforce the collection of Income Tax throughout the province from January 1 and Mr. Au Shao-yung has been appointed by Dr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, to supervise.

The tax to be levied covers the net profits of business enterprises, the earnings of Government or public and business office staffs, and interest on bank deposits, bonds and stocks and shares. No taxes will be collected from business firms, the capital of which is less than \$2,000 or net profits less than 5% per annum, or from individuals whose monthly earnings are less than \$30.—Our Own Correspondent.

AMAZONS OF THE SOVIET

Cavalry Detachment Reported Formed

Moscow, To-day. — A women's cavalry detachment has been formed in the North Caucasus and it is suggested that if the experiment proves successful more such women's detachments will be formed and attached to the regular Soviet army units.—Trans-Ocean Service.

PROPAGANDA BY PLANE

CHINESE PROTEST IN TIENTSIN

Canton, To-day. — It is reported in the Chinese papers that a Japanese plane has been dropping small flags of 5 colours and propaganda pamphlets in Tientsin, and that the Mayor of the city has lodged a strong protest with the Japanese Consul-general there.—Our Own Correspondent.



Lauritz Melchior, leading Wagnerian tenor of the Metropolitan Opera, is here shown with his wife as they returned to America for the 1936-7 opera season.

HIGHLANDERS DUE TO-MORROW

Seaforths Landing At Naval Dockyard

China Command Headquarters have asked us to state that the military transport Lancashire, which is expected to arrive in the Colony to-morrow morning with the Seaforth Highlanders on board, will not berth at No. 5 Wharf, Kowloon, but will proceed to the North Arm of the Dockyard, where the troops will be disembarked.

After disembarkation is complete, the Lancashire will proceed to a naval anchorage in midstream and will later proceed to No. 5 Wharf, Kowloon, to embark the 2nd Battalion, the East Lancashire Regiment, who are bound for India.

Col. E. St. G. Kirke, D.S.O., Commanding the Corps of Royal Engineers in the Colony, will also be proceeding home, on sick leave, accompanied by his family.

DEATH OF MRS. S. R. CURREEM

Mother Of Well-Known Cricketers

The local Indian community suffered a severe loss this morning, when Mrs. S. R. Curreem passed away at her residence, No. 24 Leighton Hill Road, after a lingering illness.

The deceased lady was 50 years of age, and leaves a husband and two sons, Mr. J. S. A. Curreem and Mr. L. S. A. Curreem, both well-known members of the L.R.C., a daughter Mrs. A. S. Suffad, and a brother Mr. U. Rummah, with whom much sympathy will be felt. The funeral will take place at the Mohammedan Cemetery at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

PRISONER DIES IN GAOL

Only 64 Pounds When Admitted

Death from natural causes was the verdict returned at the Coroner's inquest held into the death of Chui Ying, a prisoner, who died in the Victoria Gaol Hospital, on December 29.

Mr. K. Keen was the coroner, and he was assisted by the following jurors:—Messrs Ng Hang-on, (foreman), Tsao Sze and Chan King.

Deceased was sentenced to two months' imprisonment on December 12, for begging and was admitted to the Hospital the same day.

Dr. G. I. Shaw, said that when he first saw deceased he was only about 64 pounds in weight. At the post mortem it was found that he had died from pulmonary tuberculosis and cardiac failure.

INFANT PRINCESS GAINING WEIGHT

London, To-day. — A bulletin issued from No. 3, Belgrave Square to-day says that the Duchess of Kent is making very good progress and that the infant Princess is gaining weight steadily. No further bulletins will be issued.—British Wireless Service.

WRONG MAN WAS SUMMONED

Mistake Causes Breakdown

SHOCK FOR NEWLY-WEDDED WIFE

Four days after he was married, Edwin Robert James, of Willesden, had his happiness shattered.

A summons was served on him, alleging that he was the father of a child born to Margaret Mercer, of Malpas-drive, Pinner.

The shock of hearing about this caused Mrs. James to have a nervous breakdown. At the Wealdstone Petty Sessions James met the woman who issued the summons.

"He is not the man," she said. "I have never seen him before."

James was told that he left the court without the slightest reflection of any kind on his character.

Court to Investigate. Mr. C. E. Hay Radcliff, who appeared for the woman, explained that the original summons was made out against a man named Edwin or Edward James, of New Cross, a railway guard.

James was employed by London Transport as a porter. The original summons could not be served. After activities by a private detective agency, the summons was eventually served by a Willesden warrant officer on James.

The chairman (Mr. A. Dugdale) said the Court intended to get to the bottom of the mystery, because of the injustice, suffering and hardship inflicted on James.

SUIT BY LISZT SUCCESSORS

Property In Hands Of State

Budapest, To-day. — A suit against the Hungarian State claiming payment of 12,000,000 pengoes is being brought by the heirs of the famous Hungarian composer, Franz Liszt.

This amount is said to represent the present value of the effects left by Franz Liszt at his death, and which, in the opinion of the heirs, are in the unlawful possession of the Hungarian State.

Included among these effects are Beethoven's famous musical scores and valuable mementoes.—Trans-Ocean Service.

STATUE PRESENTED TO RUSSIAN STEAMER

Moscow, To-day. — A precious statue has been presented to the Soviet Consul-General at Barcelona, M. Antonov-Ovseenko, by the Red Catalan Government as a gift for the crew of the Soviet steamer Syrjamine. The statue was taken from a museum. Other Soviet ships will also receive similar gifts as a token of gratitude from the Catalan people for aid rendered in their dire plight.—Trans-Ocean Service.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of smallpox.

Next Sunday the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group will meet in the West Lounge at 9 p.m. The subject is "Christianity: Personal and Impersonal," and represents the third talk by the Rev. J. MacLean.

Next Monday a Servicemen's Whist Drive will be held at 9 p.m. in the West Lounge of the Y.M.C.A.

Next Tuesday, at 9 p.m., a lecture on "The Rule of Law," by His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, will be given at the Y.M.C.A.

A lecture on "Romanticism, Manxoni and T. Promessi Sposi" will be held by Mr. G. P. de Martin, M. B. E., M.A., under the auspices of the "Dante Alighieri Association," on January 14, at 5.30 p.m., in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

Two cases of diphtheria and four cases of typhoid fever were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the four days ended Sunday.

Rain fell on five days in the Botanic Gardens during December the official report shows. The total registered was .75 inch, of which .43 inch fell on December 31.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council the Attorney-General will move the second reading of "A Bill to make provision for a temporary percentage levy on the salaries of public officers in the Hong Kong Government Service and to provide for the exchange rate at which sterling salaries, when paid in the Colony, are to be converted."

Mrs. H. C. Hopkins, of No. 376, The Peak, was this morning cautioned by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy, for leaving her car No. 4296, unattended, in Chater Road on December 19. Defendant was not in court but sent a letter admitting the offence.

The Hong Kong Travel Association acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscription: Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd., \$1,000.

ANGLO-ITALIAN RELATIONS

NAVAL AGREEMENT POSSIBLE

London, To-day. — The official text of the Anglo-Italian agreement has been sent to the Greek, Turkish and Egyptian Governments.

At the same time attention is called to the favourable comment of the French Foreign Minister, M. Delbos, on the agreement. It is admitted that during the Anglo-Italian negotiations the question as to whether Italy would become a party to the London Naval and Dardanelles agreements was not settled, but hope is expressed that she will also become a signatory to these two pacts within the near future.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FOREIGN AID FOR LOYALISTS

"Echo De Paris" Makes Further Charges

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL. Paris, To-day. — Allegations that the Netherlands is engaged in the shipment of arms to the loyalist forces in Spain are contained in the "Echo de Paris."

The journal says that some 25,000 rifles have been shipped from Amsterdam and Rotterdam to Barcelona.

A further allegation insists that France is training airmen for the loyalists and that bombing practice by Spanish pilots is proceeding at Meaux.

Reports state that lawlessness is growing in Barcelona and Valencia, becoming worse daily. Foreign residences have been looted and street shootings are common occurrences.—Trans-Ocean Service.



NEW YEAR GOLF AT FANLING

Wins For Col. Blake And T. E. Pearce

The following were the results of golf competitions played at Fanling over the New Year holidays:—

Captain and Mrs. K. S. Holmes won the Mixed Bogey competition over the New Course from a field of 14 with a score of two down, while the Medal Round event, over the Old Course, was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

The Bogey (Par) Pool over the Old Course drew 41 entries, Col. H. H. Blake (5) one down, returning the winning score. There were no other cards returned.

T. E. Pearce (13) and B. D. Evans (10), returned scores of two down for the Bogey (Par) Pool competition over the New Course, but Pearce won the event, having the best score over the last nine holes.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB RESULTS

Competitions Held Over New Year

W. Taylor and N. Christensen tied with 30 points each in the Stableford Golf competition played over the Kowloon City course during the New Year holidays, but the competition was decided on the score of the second nine holes, which gave Taylor a win.

A. L. Eastman (85-8=77) and W. Kershaw (92-15=77) qualified for the Captain's Cup competition, while T. Henderson, who also returned a score of 77, (95-18=77), was eliminated as a result of his score over the last nine holes.

LINK WITH THE OLD DAYS

240-Year-Old Inn To Be Pulled Down

BIG HOTEL TO BE BUILT

A link with coaching days is to disappear by the decision to pull down the Bull Inn, Upper Richmond-road, East Sheen and replace it with a big modern hotel.

The Bull Inn dates back to 1696, and for more than 200 years was the first pull in for the stage coaches travelling from London to Oxford, Windsor and Maidenhead. The last regular coach to call at the Bull was the "Venture," driven daily by the late Mr. William Barron, from London to Hampton Court. It was only three years ago that the coach ceased to call to change the horses.

Noted For Seed Cake

Scores of photographs in the inn tell of the whips and coaching people who knew the Bull, and regularly called for a chat with the licensee, Mrs. Emma Taylor—who recently left after staying there for more than 30 years—and a slice of her famous seed cake.

James Selby, who broke the record run to Brighton and back to London in 1 hr. 50 min., was a favourite caller. So, too, were Mr. Vanderbilt, who lost his life in the Titanic; Sir James Rolls, a former Lord Mayor of London, Lord Daresborough, Ted Townes, and Mr. Bertram Mills.

Cottages To Go Too

The last coach to stop at the inn was "The Perseverance." This was last July, and was driven by the present Mayor of Barnes, Councillor Harry Hedderly.

The old stables and Bull Cottages, four little homesteads at the back of the inn, are also doomed.

The new Bull Hotel will be an imposing building, with lounges, restaurant, billiards hall, banquet hall, and car park.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming marriage between John Gardiner, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company Ltd., and residing at No. 32 Cumberland Road, and Miss Gertrude Sybil Dalziel, of No. 10, Suffolk Road, is announced.

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DOCTOR'S WIFE TO PAY £250

Slander Damages For Woman

Miss Gertrude Hull, of Elizabeth-street, Blackpool, was at Manchester Assizes awarded £250 damages in her action for assault and slander against Mrs. Lilian Billing, a Blackpool doctor's wife.

Mrs. Billing had denied having said or suggested that Miss Hull was an immoral woman. She also denied that she had seized hold of Miss Hull and threatened her with an umbrella.

Mr. Justice Finkel, who, in his summing up, spoke of "this rather squalid case," said they now knew that there was no suggestion that there had been any immoral conduct on Miss Hull's part.

In evidence, Miss Dorothy Cavanagh, a daughter of Mrs. Billing, said that on May 17 she was with her mother when they saw Miss Hull and her niece.

Her mother, addressing Miss Hull, said: "I have something to say to you. You have been away with my husband in his car."

Miss Hull replied: "No, I have never seen your husband." The niece agreed.

As they were turning away, Mrs. Billing said: "If you get into my husband's car again I will thrash you in front of your neighbours."

Miss Cavanagh added that she thought that on parting her mother said: "You ugly thing."

CHIANG KAI-SHEK AT FENGHUA

Decides To Withdraw Resignation

Shanghai, To-day. — Important party and government problems arising out of the Sian crisis, will be discussed at the forthcoming Third Plenary session of the Kuomintang, declared Mr. Sun Fo, Chairman of the Legislative Yuan, in an interview yesterday.

He added that the Generalissimo, Chiang Kai-shek, had decided to withdraw his resignation, which had twice been rejected by the Government.

The Generalissimo is at present recuperating in a temple at Ch'ing Kow, near Fenghua.—Reuter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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PRINCESS JULIANA'S WEDDING

London, To-day. — The Duke of Kent, who will represent the King at Princess Juliana's wedding, leaves by air for the Hague to-morrow morning. He will return to London at the end of the week. — British Wireless Service.



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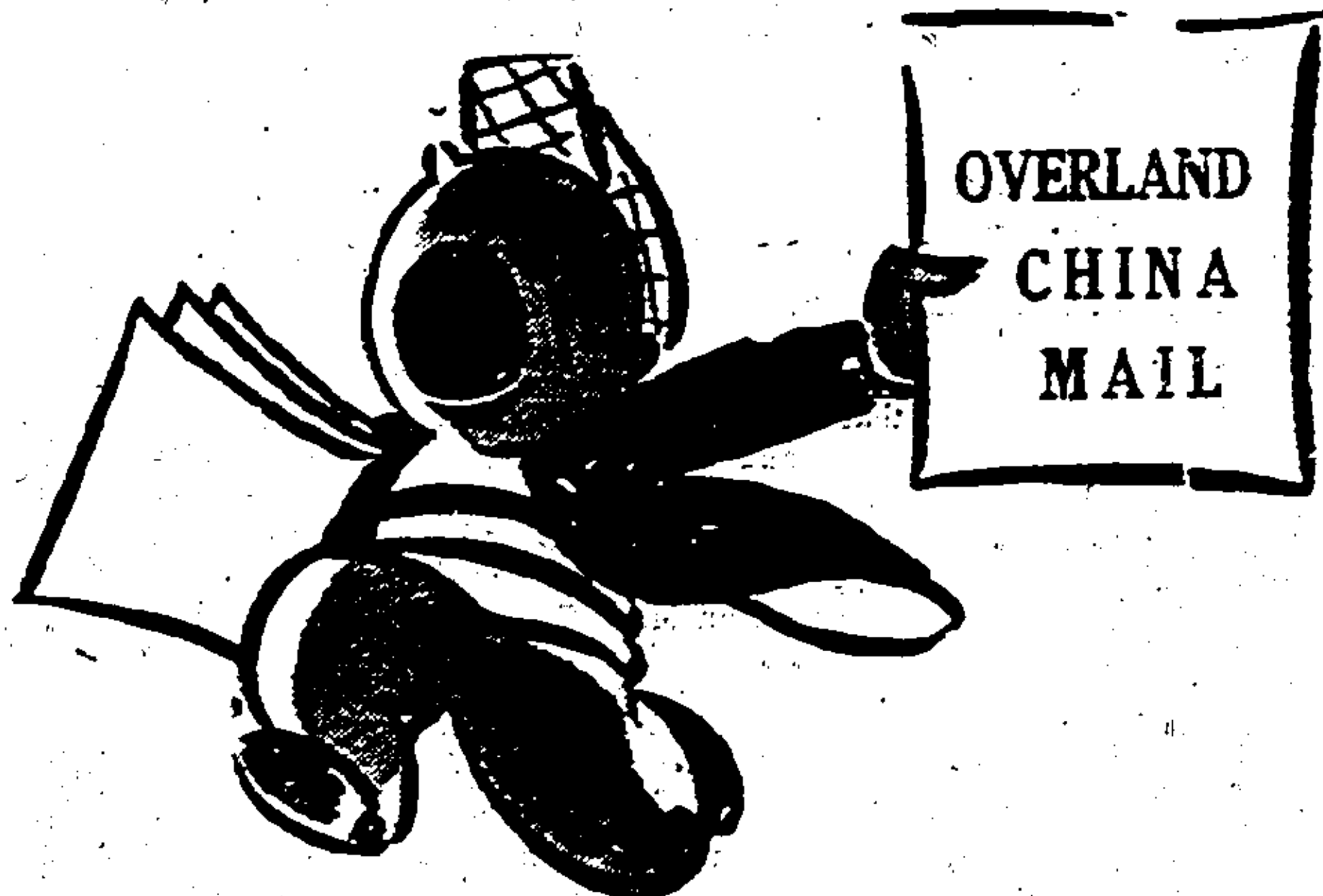
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CONFERRING OF DEGREES AT UNIVERSITY

Congregation Day
Ceremony

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S
FAREWELL

With all the traditional and colourful ceremony connected with the occasion, the University of Hong Kong yesterday afternoon held its 28th Congregation at which degrees were conferred on the graduates in the faculties of Arts, Medicine and Engineering.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, Chancellor of the University, opened the Congregation and later conferred the degrees; while Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor, made his farewell speech at the last Congregation at which he will be present before leaving for Home on retirement.

In his address to the Congregation, the Chancellor drew attention to the regrettable lack of considerable endowments being made to the University during the year. In connection with finances, he said that he had decided to appoint a small committee to investigate the financial position of the University, to enquire whether any changes are advisable in staffing, personnel, or salary scales, and to tender any other advice or suggestion for the future of the University.

Paying a tribute to Sir William Hornell, Sir Andrew Caldecott said he declined to conclude his speech with the word "Goodbye," as had the Vice-Chancellor, but would merely say, "Thank you."

Successes Achieved

Sir William Hornell in his address drew attention to the successes which had been achieved by sons and daughters of the Alma Mater during the past year, and the brilliant work done by Professor Ride, whose work on human physiology and pathology had won for him the right to supplantate for the University of Oxford's degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Sir William also mourned the losses suffered by the University during the year, by the death of a number of its supporters and brilliant graduates and drew attention to the distressing lack of playing fields for the undergraduates and the lack of a real con-

necting link between this university and English universities.

Tea was served in the University grounds from 3.45 p.m., and at 5 p.m. the Procession, including members of the Court, Council, Senate and Faculties of the University, entered the Great Hall, and the members took their places on the dais.

While the Procession entered the Great Hall, the Band of the 2nd Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment, played the Processional March.

The Procession

The Procession was led by H. E. Sir Andrew Caldecott, the Chancellor; followed by the Mace Bearer, Mr. I. Day, the Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Hornell, and the following:

Treasurer and Dean, Faculty of Medicine; Dean, Faculty of Engineering; Dean, Faculty of Arts; H. E. Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, the Registrar; H. H. Sir Atholl MacGregor, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith; The Rt. Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall; The Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta; Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North; Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor, Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson; Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow; Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell; Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Hon. Mr. T. S. Wan; Hon. Com. G. F. Hole, R.N., (Retd.), Hon. Mr. Chan Tsun-nin; Hon. Dr. R. H. King; Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, Hon. Mr. A. W. Hughes; Mr. Eu Tong-sen, Mr. Mok Kon-sang; Mr. Ho Kom Tong; Professor C. A. M. Smith; Professor K. H. Digby, Professor G. T. Byrne; Professor F. A. Redmond; Professor L. Forster; Professor R. Robertson; Professor W. I. Gerrard; Professor W. C. W. Nixon; Professor L. R. Shore; Professor Hsu Ti Shan, Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; Mr. K. E. Greig; Mr. J. R. Masson; Mr. F. J. de Rome; Mr. G. R. Sayer; Mr. M. P. Talati; Mr. P. S. Cassidy; Mr. T. E. Pearce; Mr. J. H. Seth; Mr. G. P. de Martin; Mr. E. Cock; Mr. Sum Pak-ming; Mr. Kan Tong-po; Mr. B. Wong Tape; Mr. Tang Shu-kin; Dr. G. D. R. Black; Mr. A. Brearly; Mr. Li Jow-son; Mr. Li Tse-fong; Dr. G. A. C. Herklots; Dr. Li Shu-fan; Mr. D. W. Morley; Mr. B. G. Birch; Mr. D. F. Davies; Mr. A. H. Fenwick; Mrs. M. Ring; Mr. R. A. Hill; Mr. K. W. Salter; Dr. D. J. Valentine; Mr. Chan Kwan-po; Mr. A. H. Paterson; Mr. S. V. Boxer; Mr. Ma Kiam; Dr. J. S. Guddar, Miss Baxter; Father B. C. Kelly, S.J., Rev. G. K. Carpenter.

The Graduates

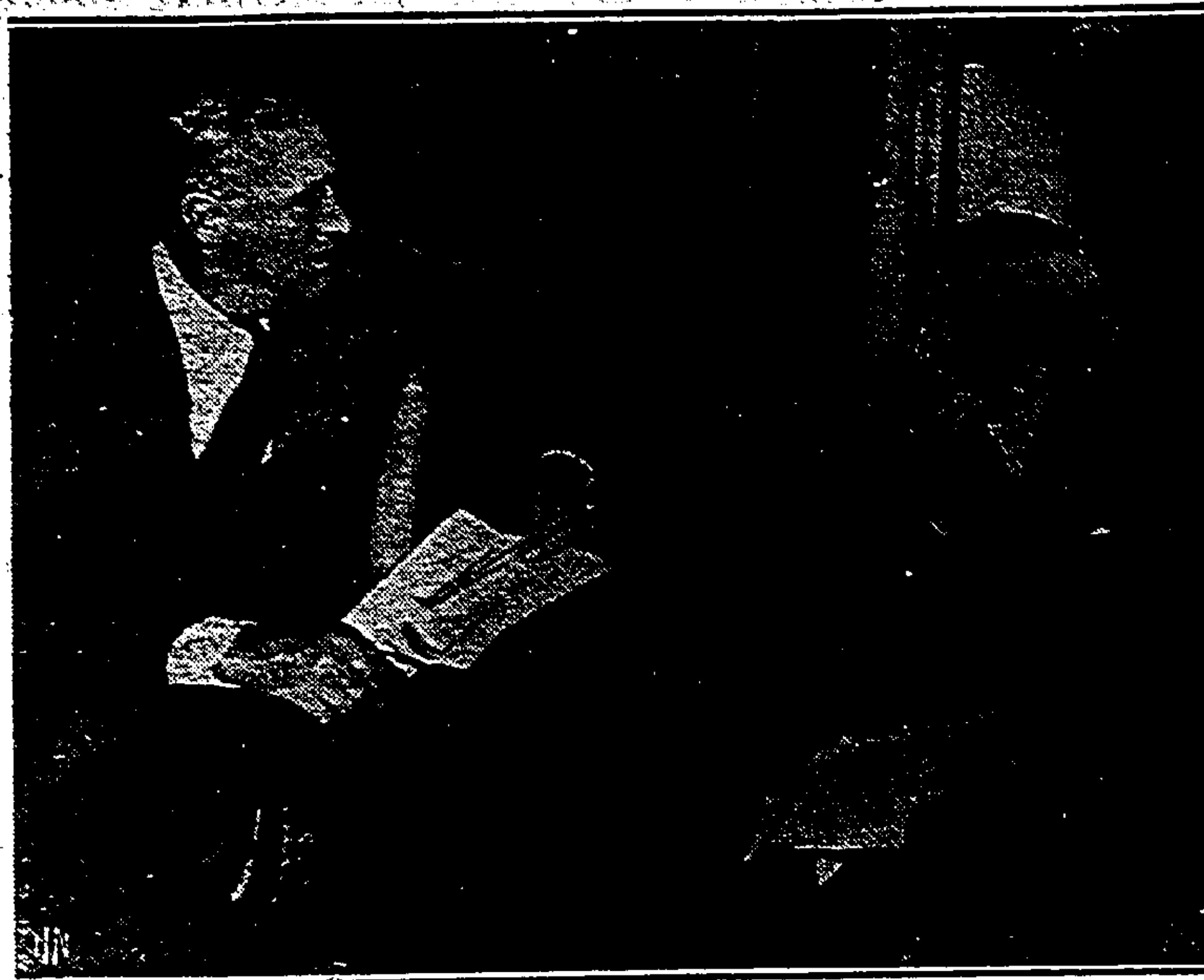
The following received the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery: Cheng See-yan, Miss C. Wong, Lee Hua-ngak, L. Gosano, Teng Pin-hui, Szeto Eng-lee, Ong Ewe-hin, Kho Pek-po, Kong Sau-yui, P. R. T. Naidu.

In Absentia: Chan Woon-nin, Ng Yew-seng and Kandiah Nagalingam.

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering: Chow Shiu-kin, Chua Keng-jin, Walter J. Citrin, Ho Chiap-chye, Hui Che-shing, Lim Chong-hin, Lu Sui-shing, Vadim Bonch-Osmolovsky, Ting Zeh, Wong Wan-kung, Wong Yat-sing, Zee Yue-kur.

In Absentia: Chang Chia-ning, Cho Tuck-choon, Alexis Ignatius Napolio, Shao Tsun, Adi Bejan Tata, Michael Constantin Yatskin.

Degree of Bachelor of Arts: Chan Young-hin, Mrs. Kan Po-



The future course of his administration being the paramount problem, President Roosevelt is here pictured with his secretary, Marvin McIntyre, at Mr. Roosevelt's Hyde Park home.

The Circus Is Coming

"The circus is coming!" This cry has thrilled all ages, through all time. For the sawdust trail is a long one which leads back over the centuries to other civilisations, and the circus has come down to us as one of the oldest and most popular forms of entertainment. It has been offered to the public under many guises, some of which are difficult to associate with the "big top" or the five-ringed metropolitan performances of contemporary civilisation.

The circus began, probably, in the crude court entertainment of some Oriental monarch at the dawn of history. We, however, are more familiar with it in the juggling, tumbling, mimicking acts and in the parade of savage beasts that preceded the cruel spectacles in the Roman arena, or in the chariot races of the Circus Maximus, the circus chariots of our present performances being the last vestige of the Roman circus. With the spread of Christianity and the fall of Rome, the worst and most dangerous elements of the circus dropped out. Medieval lords and ladies delighted in minstrels, jugglers, and clowns. The circus was pre-

chi, Lee Kui-chee, Miss Li Sau-man, Mak Cheuk-hon, Goh Tiang-hin, Lau Kwok-ching, Leung Yau-cheung, Miss Li Wan-saan, Miss Josephine Wong Po Lin, Dashi Yih.

In Absentia: Kan Po-chi, Lai Ko-nin, Kwik Khik-thiang, Kenneth Leung, Wu Hok-ling.

Scholarships
The scholarships awarded were:

The Ng Li-hing Medical Scholarship: divided between S. Bard and V. N. Vargassoff.

The Ho Fook and Chan Kai-ming First Medical Scholarship: V. N. Vargassoff.

The Ho Fook and Chan Kai-ming Second Medical Scholarship for May 1936, Wu Hung-tak; For December, Cheng See-yan.

The Anderson Gold Medal for 1936: Cheng See-yan.

The Chan Kai-ming Engineering Scholarship: Chan Bing-hung.

The Chan Kai-ming Arts Scholarship: Li Shi-yi.

The Great Hall was filled to capacity with invited guests and friends and relatives of those who were receiving degrees.

Among those present not on the dais were Lady Caldecott, Captain W. J. R. Cragg, A.D.C. to His Excellency, Mr. H. J. Crutwell, Private Secretary to His Excellency; H. E. Vice Admiral Sir Charles Little, and Lady Little, H. E. Maj.-Gen. A. W. Bartholomew and Mrs. Bartholomew; and Rear Admiral C. G. Sedgwick.

While tea was being served in the grounds, the Band of the 2nd Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment, by kind permission of Major W. E. B. Dowling and Officers, played selection. The programme included:

"March of the Peers" from "Iolanthe," Sullivan.

Selection from the Musical Play, "The Merry Widow," Lehár.

Valse, "Amoretian Tanze" Gung'l.

Entr'acte, "Humoresque" Dvorak.

Selection, "Merrie England," German.

sent in the sideshows of medieval fairs, in the buffoonery of town pageants. It persisted similarly in court and town through the Renaissance. But it was not until the eighteenth century that the modern circus had its inception.

The father of the modern circus was an Englishman, Philip Astley. He was the first to concentrate under one roof all the varied forms of artistry and exploit them on a large scale. Although this circus (1778) was devoted chiefly to equestrian acts, to capture the patronage of the aristocracy, he was forced gradually by competitors to add: "all the wonders of the past and present world in a magnificent setting, his jockeys, equestrian xliators, wild beasts and the 'Hercules' at the Pillars' scene were revivals of classic entertainments: his quadrilles, manoeuvres and tableaux revived the diversions of medieval chivalry; his ballets and pantomimes carried on the traditions of the baroque theatre; finally all the form of entertainment that had diverted the patrons of fair throughout the ages were imported to his circus to take their places as jugglers, tumblers, acrobats, contortionists and clowns."

Astley's spectacle was so popular that the desire for circus entertainment seized the whole world, and between 1800 and 1850 circuses modelled on Astley's appeared everywhere. Thomas Pool imitated Astley in Philadelphia before the Revolutionary War was over; and France, Italy and Germany knew the Astley type almost simultaneously. Astley himself opening a circus in Paris under the patronage of Marie Antoinette in what became the classic Cirque d'Hiver.

There has been talk of the waning popularity of the circus. But, as long as there are lurid posters to decorate the fences of a nation, or a small boy gaze at them in wonder, or a savage along the Ubangi or an elephant in Burma, that cry: "The circus is coming!" will continue to thrill all ages at all times.

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Arranged
For To-day

**AMENDMENT TO HAWKERS
ORDINANCE**

At to-day's meeting of the Urban Council the chairman, Mr. R. R. Todd, pursuant to notice, will move "that in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 2 of the Hawkers Ordinance, 1935, the Urban Council makes the following amendments of the by-laws under the heading 'C. Licensed (stallholders) hawkers' set forth in the Schedule to the said Ordinance—

Amendments
(1) By-law 2 is amended by the addition of the following sentence at the end thereof:—"No materials other than wood and metal shall be used for the roof of the stall."

(2) The following additional by-law is inserted immediately after by-law 12:—

13. Every licensed stallholder hawker shall keep his stall at all



TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kc's), 31.49 metres (9.52 megacycles).

CONTRALTO & CELLO RECITAL FROM STUDIO

"WORLD AFFAIRS"

H.K.T. p.m.

12.30-2.10—European Programme.

12.30—Orchestral Music.

1—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03—Light Opera.

1.25—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40—A Relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin Speech from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

Major A. E. Watts on "A Wanderer's Impressions on returning to Hong Kong."

2.10—Close Down.

4.7—Chinese Programme.

7.11—European Programme.

7—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

7.20—Leslie Hutchinson at the piano.

You and the night and the music Blue Moon.

Love is like a cigarette.

7.30—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.35—London—"Empire Mailbag," collected by Pascoe Thornton.

8—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03—From the Studio.

A Light Programme by Molly Pataillon (contralto) and Susan Jones, A.R.C.M. (Violoncello).

1. Songs—

(a) To the Forest Tchaikowsky.

(b) Sombre Woods Lully.

2. 'Cello—Sonata in C—

Grave con espressione.

Vivace Sammartini.

3. Songs—

(a) In your dear eyes Trotiere.

(b) When song is sweet Sans Souci.

4. 'Cello—

Mazurka Popper.

Sicilienne

Maria-Theresa von Paradis

(Transcribed by S. Dushkin).

8.30—The London Piano-Accordeon Band.

Good Evening! Pretty Lady.

There'll never be another you.

I have lost my heart in Budapest.

Calling me home

On the beach at Bali-Bali.

An old Hawaiian Guitar.

Rosalie.

Hawaiian Paradise.

8.55—London—News and Announcements.

9.15—London—The third Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England.

An account of the fourth day's play by Alan Kippax from Melbourne. (Electrical Recording).

9.30—From the Studio.

One and His Boy Friends, with Vocal Refrain by Doreen Ma.

10—London—Big Ben "World Affairs," a talk by H. V. Hodson.

10.15—Tangoes.

Mi Buenos Aires Querido Churruasca.

Venetian Moon.

Tangoland.

10.30—Popular Dance Tunes of Yesterday and To-day.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

PERRY THANKED FOR HIS SERVICES

(Continued from Page 2)

A former chairman, Mr. G. F. Goodman, of Edghaston, proposed a reference back, urging that the county associations had scarcely had time to digest the new scheme.

Mrs. Cyril Marriott, a referee, wanted the council to adopt official handicaps framed at a central bureau—a proposal not new to delegates, but difficult to introduce.

Complicated

Mr. Wallis Myers, who mentioned that he was in his second "rabbithood," having played in handicap events 30 years ago and come back to them, did not oppose the resolution, but hinted that the new system might prove rather complicated for players on crowded courts and might conceivably delay a tournament.

A proposal to introduce more qualifiers into the Wimbledon draw, should vacancies occur at the last moment, was approved.

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Correspondence relative to King George V Memorial, and the proposed replacement of the Reclamation Street Market and the old Yamnati Market by one two-storied market will also be discussed, the remainder of the business being of a purely routine nature.

Commerce and Finance.

SHIPPING DUES IN BRITAIN

WARNING OF APRIL INCREASE

London, To-day.

A Board of Trade' announcement regarding the dues levied on shipping for the upkeep of light-houses and beacons in the United Kingdom and Irish Free State says it was agreed by the competent authorities in conference on December 18 that it had become necessary to increase the rates by 25 per cent., as revenue obtainable at present rates having proved insufficient to meet the cost of maintenance, renewals and improvements.

Accordingly, an Order-in-Council will be issued under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1898, bringing the proposed increase into effect from April 1 next. — British Wireless Service.

**LOCAL DOLLAR
STEADY**
Silver Prices Fall

Further

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1 1/2%.

"Spot" silver declined 1/16.

The London on New York cross rate was unchanged at \$-U.S.\$4.90%, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.91-3/16, as compared

with £—U.S.\$490-15/16.

RAW RUBBER.

Latest Quotations From Singapore.

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore Straits Currency for Raw Rubber

Spot 35% b. Down 1%.
 April-June 35% b. Down 1%.
 July-Sept. 35% b. Down 1%.
 Oct.-Dec. 35% b. Down 1%.
 Market:—Easier.

New York

Messrs. White, Weld & Company, New York Correspondents for Messrs. S. E. Levy & Company, report:—

Stocks: The labour situation has been the main depressing factor in rails, through the threat of a decrease in the volume of railroad traffic. Industrials, oils and coppers are strong as a group, with some indiscriminate speculation in lower-priced stocks. We continue

to like these levels, but we find that these groups cannot move very far for the present. Generally speaking, there is no sign of a near-by settlement of the labor situation. This fact and the realization that other industries indirectly affected is depressing

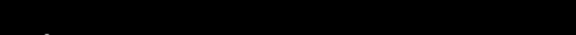
market considerably. It is our opinion that increased seriousness may precede the final clearing of the situation, but we still consider the situation fundamentally as only a temporary retarding influence.

Business done: — 1,510.

Wheat: Heavier buying of flour is expected as a result of increasing re-buying for hedges, while dwindling of Canadian supplies should facilitate the absorption of Southern Hemisphere supplies. Tightness of the World supply.

Corn: The strength of the situation is helping prices. prevailing colder weather is c

ing decreasing country shipments
and a better feed demand, but the
hog run is now nearing its peak
and we would limit our purchases



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		Cts.	Cts.			Cts.
POULTRY.				BUTCHER MEAT.		
Chicken	lb.	45	30	Beef	Sirloin	lb. 32
Capons, Small	"	44	28	"	Prime Cut	" 30
" Large	"	46	28	"	Corned	" 35
"	"	30	22	"	Wurst	" 30

Doves	each	28	Breast	24
"	"	22	"	25
Geese, Hen (cook-	per doz	30	"	30
ing)	"	18	Steak	35
Geese, Hen (fresh)	"	32	Steak Sirloin	45
"	"	28	Sauces	36
Fowls, Hainan	"	28	Bullock's Brains	per set 17
" Canton	"	56	" Tongue, fresh	per 70
"	"	30	" corned	1.00
Geese	each	45	" Head	2.00
Pigeons, Canton	"	30		
Hawk	"	20		

Turkeys	Coek	lb.	75	—	Heart	each	24
"	"	"	68	61	"	"	20
Snipe	"	each	22	—	"	"	12
"	"	"	160	220	"	"	12
Pheasant	"	"	24	—	"	"	25
"	"	"	65	10	"	"	36
Partridge	"	"	"	"	"	"	30
FRUITS.							
				Calves' Tripe &			
				Feet	set	1.50	
				Mutton Corn	lb.	44	

Almonds	Per B.	150	35	"	Leg	"	44
Lemons, China	"	12	—	"	Shoulder	"	40
Bananas (bride's)	"	6	4	"	Saddle	"	44
Carambola	"	—	—	"	Brains	per set	10
Cocoanuts	"	14	10	Pig's	Chittings	"	30
Apples (California)	"	40	26	"	Feet	"	14
Lemons, American	each	22	10	"	Fry	"	26
Liches, Dried	Th.	120	25	"	Head	"	22
Oranges (Gaston)	"	12	—	"	Chops	"	32
" Sweet	"	15	—				

Oranges (Gwibe)	"	15	—	"	Bunches	"	12
Pears (Canton)	"	24	—	"	Liver	lb.	40
Oranges (American)	each	24	—	"	Loin	"	33
Perisimmons, Large	"	18	—	"	Leg	"	24
Pumelo, Siam	"	18	12	"	Fat or Lard	"	20
Walnuts	lb.	30	—				
Grapes	"	55	—				

				Sheep's Head &			
				Feet	per set	90	
				"	Heart	each	12
				"	Kidneys	"	15
				"	Liver	lb.	40

VEGETABLES, ETC.

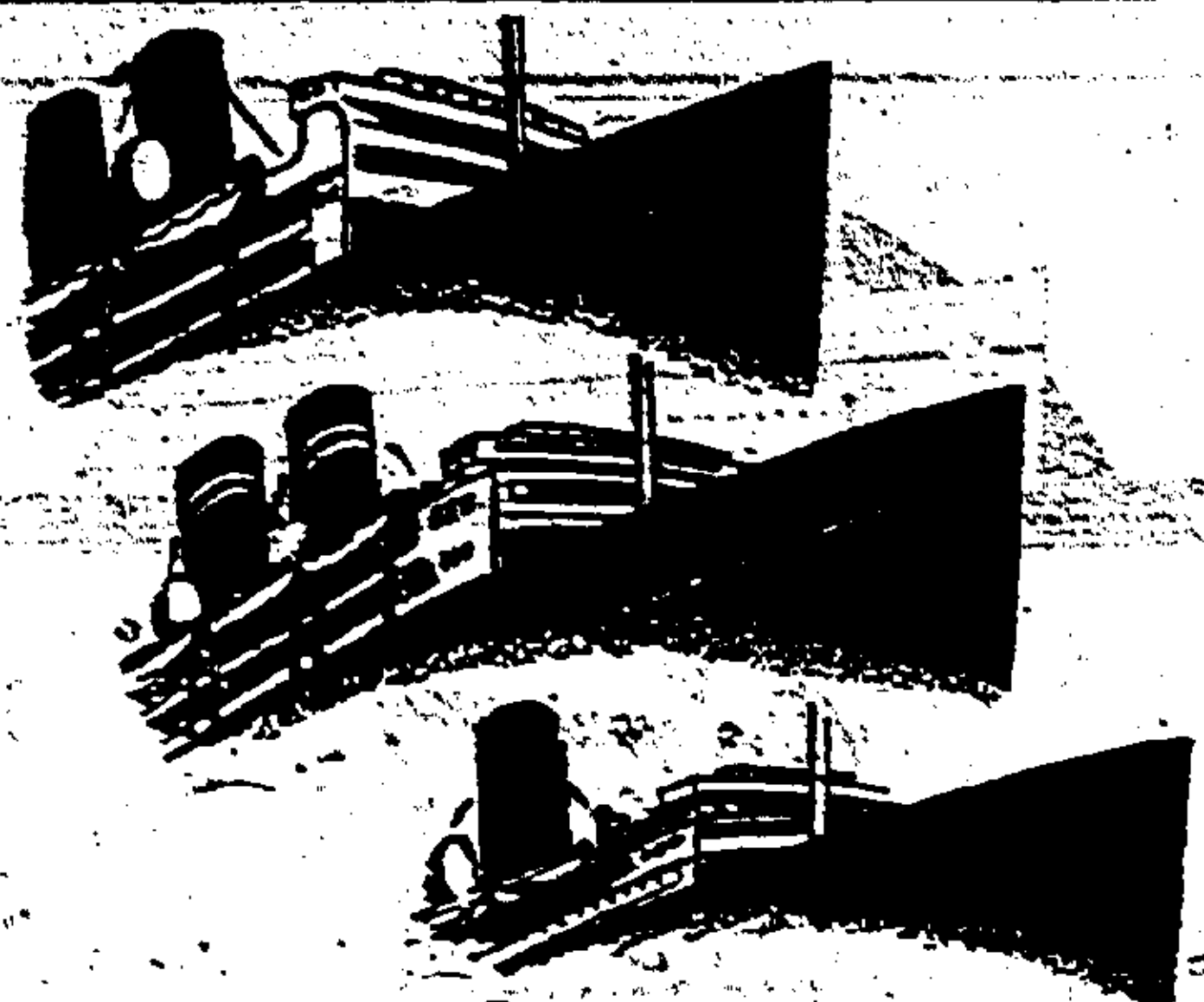
Artichokes	lb.	12		Sucking Pig to	lb.	45
Breastot	"	12	—	Order	"	45
Brinjals, Green	"	6	5	Suet, Beef	"	20
" Long	"	10	—	" Mutton	"	26
" Red	"	8	5	Veal	"	40
Cabbage, Chinese	"	10	—	" Sausages	"	22
" (Shanghai)	"	16	12	" No. 1	"	32
Caustflower (Large) each	"	14	—			
(Medium)	"	12	—			
(Small)	"	10	—			
				FISH		
				Barbel	lb.	30

Carrots	"	3	5	Canton	Fresh	"	20
Celery	Chinese	"	10	"	Water Fish	"	20
Chilies	Dried	"	25	Codfish	"	"	25
"	Red	"	18	Crabs	"	"	25
"	Green	"	10	Cuttle Fish	"	"	14
Curry Stuff, English	"	10	8	Dace	"	"	25
Cucumbers	"	6	"	Frogs	"	"	50
Garlic	"	10	6	Eels Conger	"	"	40
Ginger, Young	"	10	7	Eels Fresh Water	"	"	50

Old	10	30	Sea Biscuit	1	2
Homaredai, Shai	18	3	Garopua	1	2
Indian Corn	each	3	Gudipok	1	2
Lettuce	6	—	Herring	1	2
Okras	—	—	Halibut	1	2
Onions, Bombay	12	3	Lobster	1	2
Green	5	4	Mackerel	1	2
Shanghai	8	5	Mullet	1	2
Parsley	45	60	Oysters	1	2
Potato, sweet	4	3	Perch	1	2

" Japanese	"	3	File	"	3
" American	12	2	Plaice	"	3
Pumpkin	4	4	Prompret, Black	"	2
Radish	1 bunch	4	Prompret, White	"	2
Shoebat (French)	20	4	Prawns	"	5
Turnips Puntis	6	4	Roach	"	2
(Long)			Salmon	"	3
Watercress	7	15	Shark	"	1
Vegetable Marrow	8	—	Shrimps	"	5
	5	—	Turtles	"	5

Water Lily root .	lb.	2	2	Tench	1	2
Spinach	"	14	4	Small Fresh water ..	1	1
Tomatoes	"	—	—	Sole	1	1
Mushrooms	"	—	—			



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*BANPUA	17,000	23rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,000	30th Jan.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	14,500	20th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
*BHUTAN	6,000	27th Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull.
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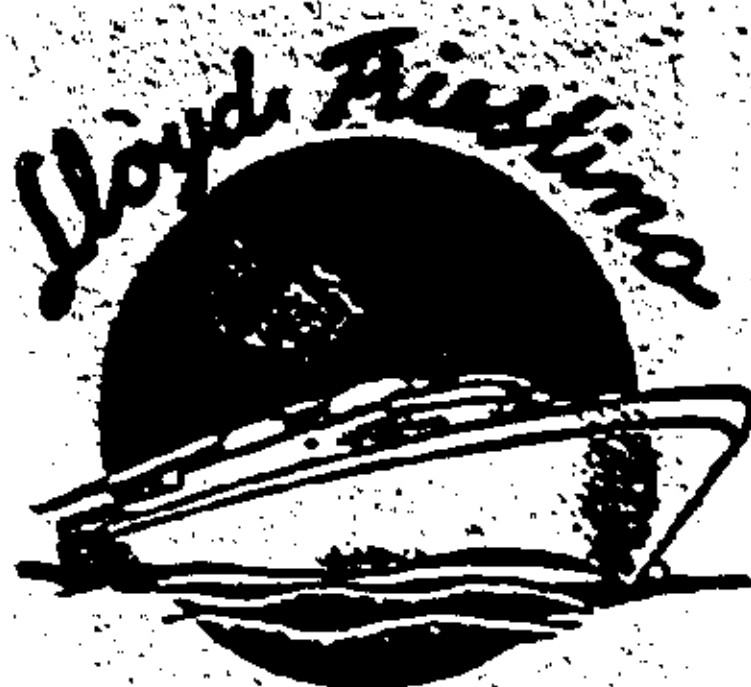
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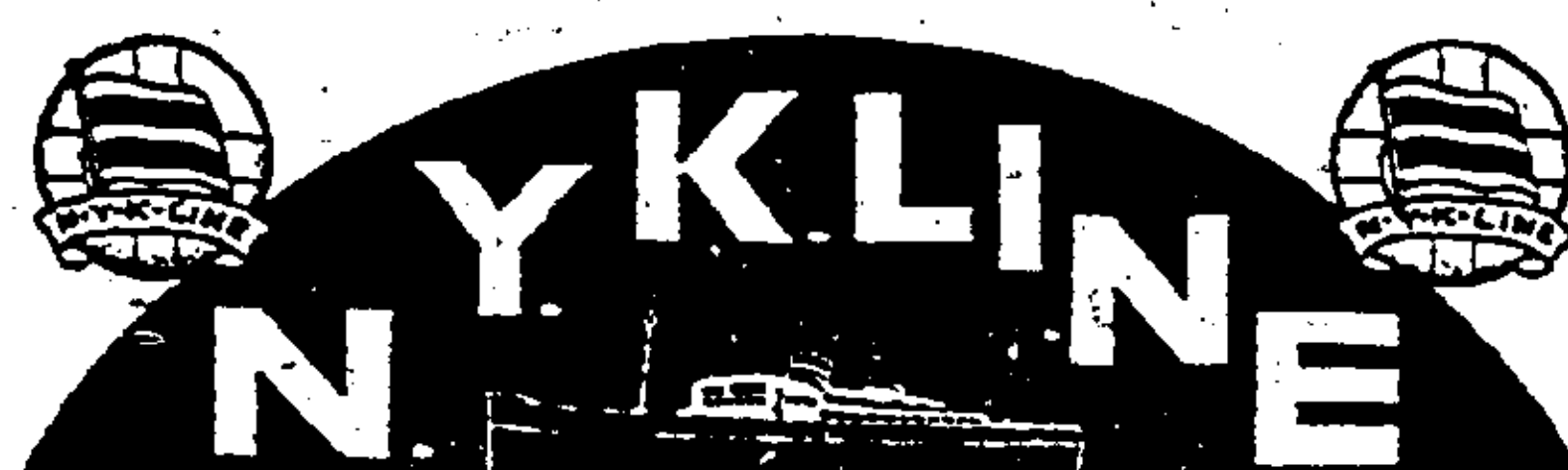
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Rajputana	" 8
Taiyo Maru	" 8
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FROM JAPAN

Emp. of Russia	Jan. 7
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FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Sirdhana	Jan. 5
Rawalpindi	" 7
Titan	" 7
Diomed	" 11

FROM SHANGHAI

Glenaffric	Jan. 6
Emp. of Russia	" 7
Conte Verde	" 7
Rajputana	" 8
Taiyo Maru	" 8

FROM AUSTRALIA

Taiying	Jan. 7
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FROM MANILA

Potsdam	Jan. 5
Taiying	" 7

FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Russia	Jan. 7
Taiyo Maru	" 8

OUTWARD MAILS

FOR EUROPE

Tjinegara (Airways Service)	5 p.m.
Potsdam (via Siberia)	4.30 p.m.

C.N.A.C. plan (Air Mail for Swatow)

Asama Maru (via Siberia)	5 p.m.
Conte Verde (via Brindisi)	5 p.m.
Reg. 2.15 p.m.	
Ord. 3 p.m.	

R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Airways Service)

	5 p.m.
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FOR JAPAN

Yuenang	Jan. 5
Asama Maru	5 p.m.
Rawalpindi	5 p.m.
Jean Laborde	10.30 a.m.
	1.30 p.m.

FOR U.S.A.

Asama Maru	Jan. 6
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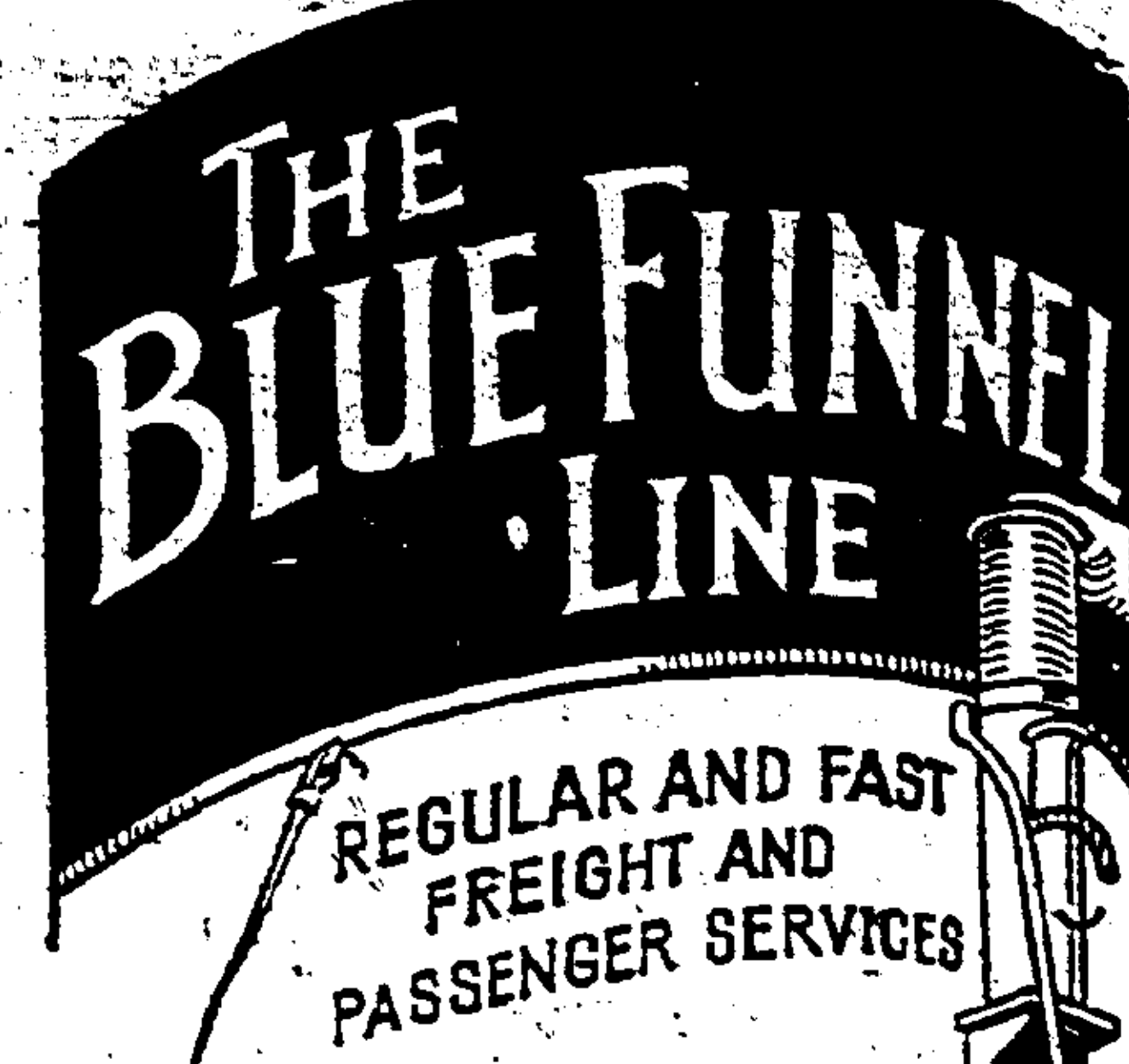
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FOR MANILA

Tjinegara	Jan. 5
	8.30 a.m.

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Katsang	5 p.m.
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He is ably supported by Olivia de Havilland, who came to screen prominence with her work in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Captain Blood."

Other loves of Anthony are found in the characterisations portrayed by Steffi Duna, a fiery half caste with whom he lives in his African slave mart and Gale Sondergaard, a voluptuous and passionate housekeeper. Both give unusually fine interpretations.

Edmund Gwenn, the famous English actor, gives a wonderful portrayal of John Bonnyfeather, the grandfather of Anthony.

Claude Rains gives an excellent portrayal of the grandee of Spain as does Louis Hayward as the young Irish lover.

The members of the cast include Billy Mauch, Donald Woods, Henry O'Neill, Pedro De Cordoba and George E. Stone.

"MY MAN GODFREY"—
QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA
THEATRES

"My Man Godfrey" is a brilliant modern romantic comedy with humour and co-stars William Powell and Carole Lombard.

The situations mount rapidly to a pitch of gay humour, which keeps climbing the scale until contagious fun has reached an epidemic of laughter. The most earth-bound pessimist will be a birth-bound optimist after seeing this picture.

William Powell portrays the role of a butler who does his best to battle, in spite of bottles and battle-axes, for the craziest family in America. Carole Lombard, playing the part of the younger daughter, falls in love with him and proposes marriage. She won't take "No" for an answer. Her sister is the sort of girl who would stick pins in puppies just to hear them howl.

The mother of the menage is slightly uninged and the father is slightly dizzy from trying to straighten out all the members of his household.

Besides the stars, there are Alice Brady, Gail Patrick, Jean Dixon, Eugene Palette, Alan Mowbray, Mischa Auer and Robert Light.

"My Man Godfrey" is taken from the novel of the same name by Eric Hatch. This well-known modern journalist wrote the screen play with Morris Ryskind, noted writer of numerous screen hits.

"HIS BROTHER'S WIFE"—
MAJESTIC THEATRE

"His Brother's Wife," produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, with W. S. Van Dyke directing, brings Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Taylor to the screen in a spectacular romance.

BRIDGE NOTES

Choosing The Right Lead

BY ELY CULBERTSON

When a bridge player, out of all the cards in his hand, selects what is apparently the killing opening to defeat a slam bid, his feelings can better be imagined than described when, upon being placed in the lead again, he is compelled to make a subsequent lead which gives back all advantage.

This was the unhappy experience of the West player in the hand below in playing against Mr. John Sherman and Mr. Horace Block. Mr. Sherman held the North hand and Mr. Block the South.

East dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

Jean Hersholt is featured as a veteran explorer and adventurer in the far and dangerous places of the tropical jungle. Joseph Calleia scores in another of his suave bad-man roles.

The story is of a young scientist who ventures into the jungle to find the cure for a dreaded malarial and returns to the realization that the woman he loves is his brother's wife, and this provides a dramatic vehicle for these distinguished stars.

"BORDER FLIGHT"—
STAR THEATRE

This story presents a fast, thrill-packed drama of combat between the agents of the law and members of a fur-smuggling band operating off the coast of California. Air shots of machine-gun "dog-fights," plane crashes, and a hand-to-hand battle to the finish between smugglers and members of the United States Coast Guard corps are high points of the picture.

John Howard and Grant Withers are buddies of the corps who become rivals for the affections of one girl, Frances Farmer. Withers' stunts lead to his expulsion from the corps. In anger, he joins the smugglers.

Through a trick of the smugglers, Withers and Frances are kidnapped and concealed in an isolated shack. The attempt of the corps to rescue them leads to the final pitched battle.

Robert Cummings, cast as a young recruit to the service who dies in action at the start of his career, and Roscoe Karns, corps mechanic who provides comedy, give excellent accounts of themselves. Samuel S. Hinds is convincing as the commanding officer.

"WOMEN ARE TROUBLE"—
ORIENTAL THEATRE

"Women Are Trouble" is a newspaper story out of the ordinary in every respect and gives the audience the viewpoint on current events that is had by the working newspaper craft. And, most encouraging, it presents newspaper life without exaggeration.

Stuart Edwin performs an excellent task in his characterisation of Matt Casey, a star reporter, Florence Rice, daughter of the newspaper sports authority, Grandland Rice, portrays a girl reporter as newspaper men know the type. Paul Kelly, who "sits in" as city editor, draws a character with whom every reporter is unforgettably familiar.

The picture was produced at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios by Lucien Hubbard, not many years ago one of the most efficient newspaper men in the world. Michael Fessier, also an ex-reporter, wrote the screen play and Richard Blake, another one, wrote the adaptation.

NORTH

S—
H—A 8
D—A J 9 7 2
C—A K Q 8 6 5

WEST

S—A K Q 10
H—7
D—K Q
C—9 7

EAST

S—J 8 6
H—K Q J 6 5 4
D—5 3
C—J 2

SOUTH

S—9 7
H—10 9 3 2
D—10 8 6 4
C—10 4 3

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

East South West North

Pass Pass 1S 2S (1)

Pass (2) 3D (3) 4S (4) 6D (5)

Pass Pass Pass

1—The immediate overcall in the opponents' bid suit forcing to game.

2—It would seem that East might take some action here, but he decides to wait and listen.

3—Mr. Block, with a trickless hand, decides to show a bust by bidding a minor rather than encourage his partner by bidding his four-card major suit.

4—Even at four spades West cannot be badly hurt. Apparently he has nine certain tricks in his hand.

5—Fearing that any other bid will be dropped by South, Mr. Sherman decides to bid the small slam at once rather than risk playing against the possibility of the club suit being bunched in one of the adverse hands.

West, correctly deciding that Mr. Sherman was void of spades, opened his singleton heart, and it appeared to Mr. Block that he must inevitably be defeated. He won the trick with the Ace and decided to play for a 2-2 break in the diamond suit. He therefore laid down the diamond "Ace, upon which West played the Queen. Then he laid down another diamond, and found fortunately that West was forced to win.

It appeared that a heart trick must still be cashed by the East and West players. Therefore both North and South were elated when West returned a spade. East began a verbal castigation of his partner's "dumbness" in failing to continue with the heart lead, to the first round of which he had played the King; and he was scarcely content with his partner's explanation that he was unable to lead a suit in which he had no cards remaining.

SOLDIER FOUND
SHOT DEADIn Car Reported To
By Stolen

A soldier named Mortimore, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, stationed at Tidworth, was found shot dead last month in the driving seat of a saloon car on the main Portsmouth road at Milford, near Godalming.

The car, which was drawn up at the side of Witley Common, had previously been reported "stolen" from outside Rostrevor Mansions, Southsea.

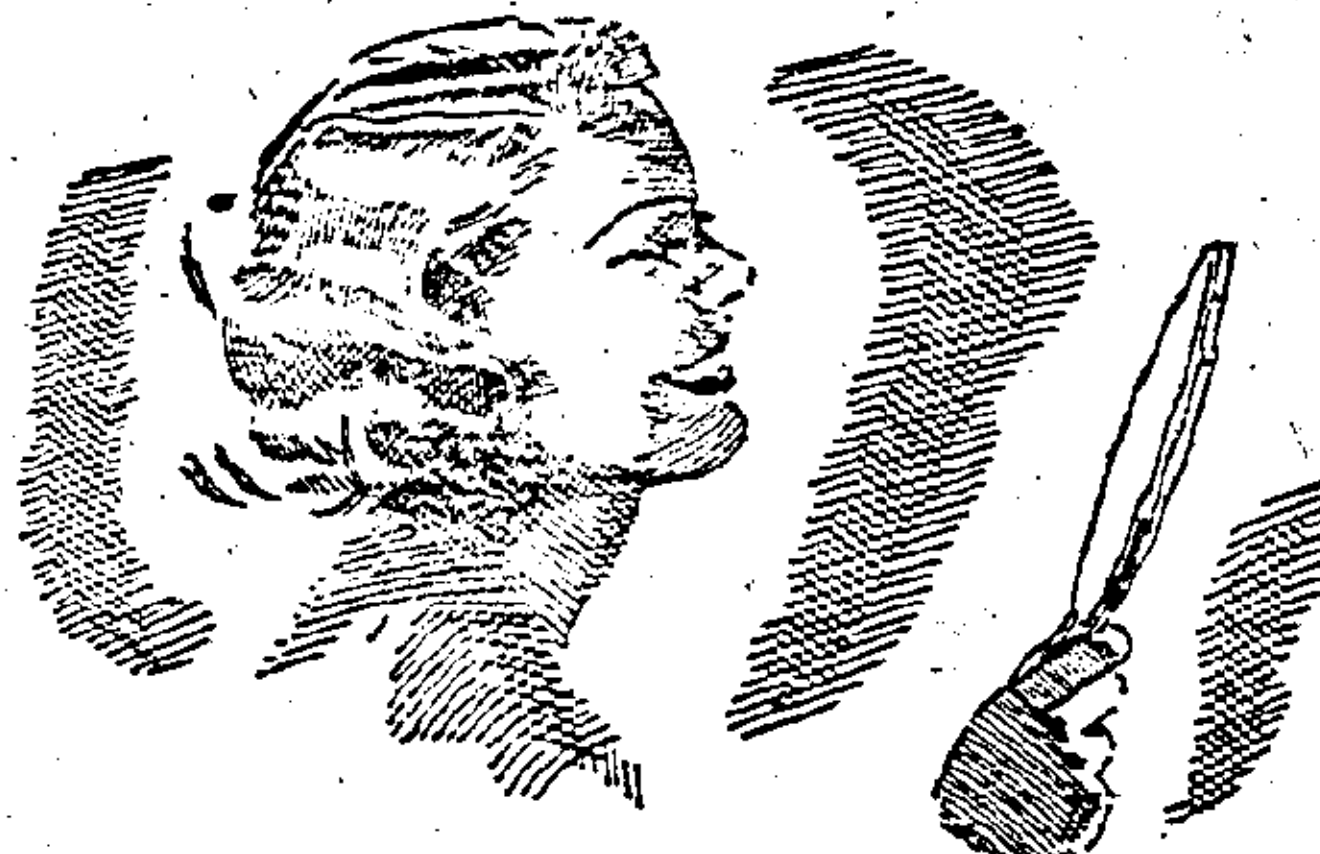
Mortimore's home is said to have been at Portsmouth, and he was to have spent his Christmas leave there.

A cyclist found him dead in the car. He had been shot in the head, and a revolver was found on his lap. He was in civilian clothes.

An attache case and a golfing bag were found in the back of the car.

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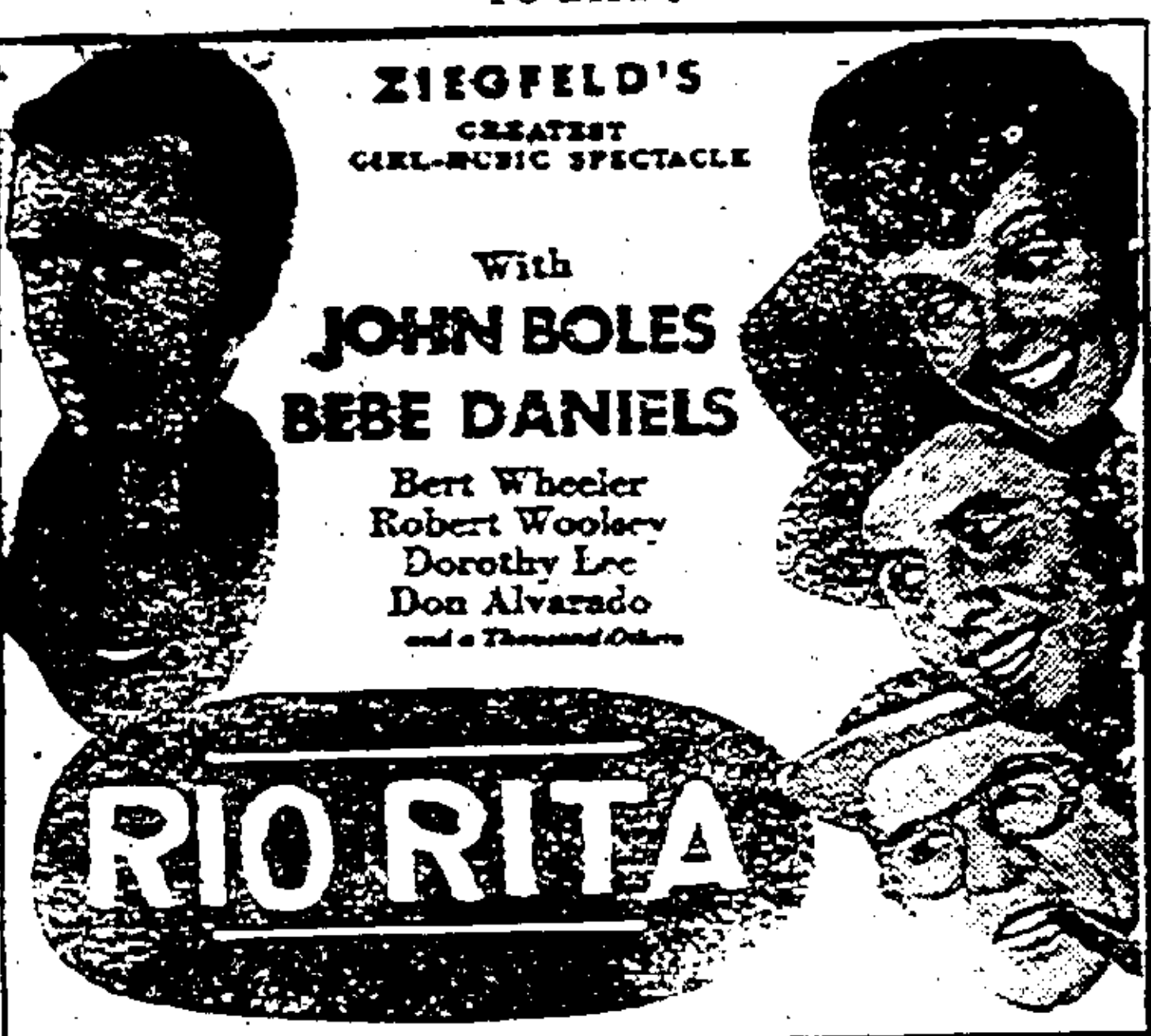
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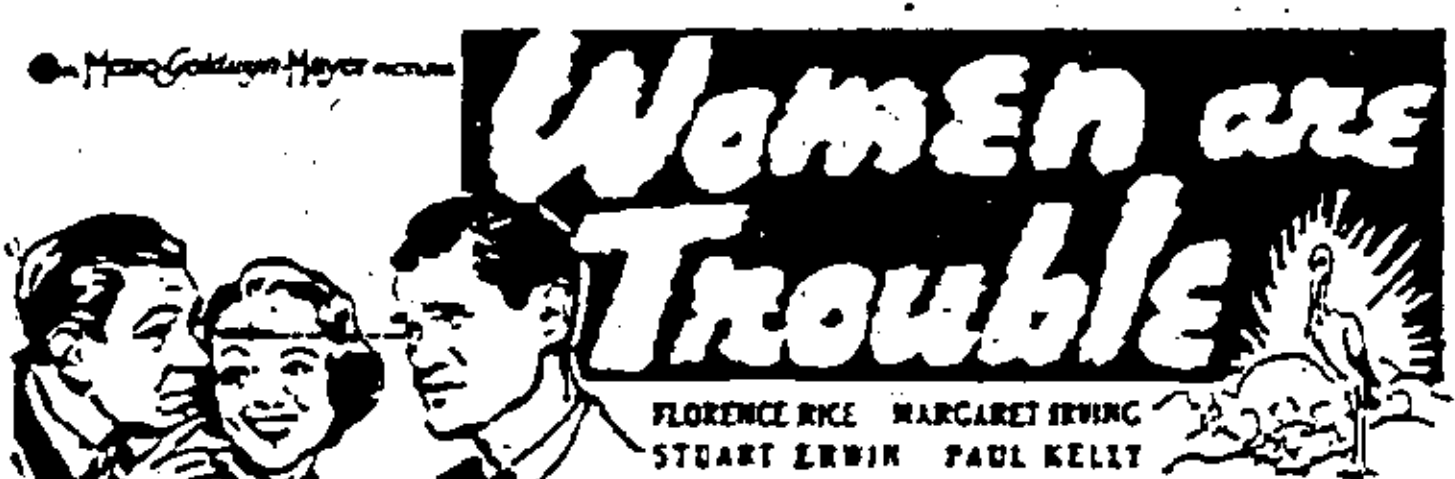
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SOVIET SHIPS SEIZED NEAR GIBRALTAR INCIDENTS PILE UP DAILY GERMAN CRUISER ACTIVITY

Gibraltar, To-day.
The Russian steamer Komiles was reported to have been detained by insurgent trawlers in the Straits of Gibraltar last night, and taken to Ceuta.

According to a radio message from the Tenerife station, the Komiles is carrying 3,400 tons of war materials for Valencia.—Reuter.

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS
Berlin, To-day.
It is officially confirmed that the German cruiser, Koenigsburg, arrested a Spanish steamer near Santander, which it is reported, was probably within territorial waters when captured.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ARAGON RELEASED
Rabat, To-day.
The release of the Spanish steamer Aragon is announced in an insurgent broadcast from Tetuan.—Reuter.

SOVIET SHIPS DETAINED
Moscow, To-day.
The steamers Krasny and Postysheff have been intercepted in the Straits of Gibraltar by Burgos Government warships, states an official announcement, and were taken into Ceuta harbour.

While, it is learned, the Krasny was released after an examination lasting for one hour, no news has been received as to the fate of the Postysheff.—Trans-Ocean Service.

BRITISH PROTESTS
London, To-day.
Reporting the protests which the British Government has caused to be made to the insurgent authorities in Spain regarding recent incidents in which the British ships Etrich and Black Hill have been involved, the newspapers recall the statement made by the Foreign Secretary in the Commons on November 23 last, that "His Majesty's ships will, should it prove necessary, protect British merchant ships on the high seas against interference by ships of either party engaged in the conflict in Spain outside the three mile limit."

In the case of the Black Hill which was fired upon on New Year's Day while on a passage in ballast from Bayonne to Santander, the British Ambassador, Sir Henry Chilton, has been instructed to make a strong protest to the insurgent authorities at Burgos.

ORANGE CARGO
The Etrich, sailing from Haifa to Liverpool, with a cargo of oranges, was ordered on December 31 off Europa Point, Gibraltar, to leave to by an insurgent trawler. The master refused to show her papers.

A British destroyer, on news of the interference with the Etrich reaching the authorities, proceeded to Cadiz and lodged with the insurgent naval command a protest and a request for assurances against recurrence of such incidents.—British Wireless Service.

LEWIS BEATEN ON POINTS First Appearance As Heavyweight

Philadelphia, To-day.
Al Ettore, of Philadelphia, yesterday outpointed John Henry Lewis, the Negro boxer and former holder of the world's middle-weight boxing crown, who was making his first appearance as a heavyweight, in a 10 round bout here.—Reuter.

John Henry Lewis successfully defended his middleweight title against Len Harvey, the British heavyweight, at the Wembley Swimming pool at the beginning of last month, winning a close decision on points. Soon after he announced his retirement from the middleweight ranks for the heavyweights.

ALLEGED FIRING AT VILLAGE China May Protest To Japan

Canton, To-day.
The alleged machine gunning of Tai Tsang, in east Kiangsu, by Japanese warships has not been officially confirmed, but Chinese residents in Shanghai have sent a petition to the Foreign Office at Nanjing, appealing for a strong protest to the Japanese Ambassador.—Our Own Correspondent.

DUTCH ROYAL WEDDING INCIDENTS REPLY TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIONS

The Hague, To-day.
The Dutch Government is now dealing with the allusions in the German press to various incidents which have taken place in connection with the forthcoming marriage of Prince Bernhard von Lippe-Bisterfeld, according to an announcement by the official Dutch press service.

The Dutch Government, it is added, has taken note of the request received from the German Government that all possible steps should be taken to suppress further demonstrations which would be interpreted as disparagement of the German National flag.

The Dutch Government, however, while appreciating that the German Government is acting in good faith, has some misgivings since the latter allude to incidents concerning which the German Government is inadequately informed.

From the very beginning it has been the desire of the Queen of the Netherlands that the celebrations should bear the character of a family union in every respect.

In this connection, the Dutch Government had informed the German Government that insofar as flags other than the Dutch national flag should be displayed, only the family colours of Prince von Lippe-Bisterfeld would be shown and not the flag of the former Principality of Lippe-Detmold. There was thus no occasion for the display of the German National flag on official or private buildings and the same applied to the playing of the German national anthem. It is further pointed out in the note that the Lippe-Detmold song has never been played on any official occasion.—Trans-Ocean Service.

ITALY WATCHES CATALONIA WILL NOT PERMIT RED STATE PACT HELD NOT APPLICABLE

Rome, To-day.
It is hinted that Italy may not tolerate the establishment of a Communist Republic in Catalonia despite the Anglo-Italian Mediterranean agreement.

Italy's attitude is apparently expressed in the newspaper, "Tribune," which, in commenting upon the agreement, says that the only threat to the status quo in the Mediterranean lies in the Russian exploitation of the separatist ferment in Catalonia.

The "Tribune" alleges that there already exists an embryo Soviet state in Catalonia, directed by Moscow, and adds that the Anglo-Italian agreement does not change in the least the policy of Fascist Italy and her solid friendship. On the contrary, it is a warning to the clearly defined party.—Reuter.

BEYOND MEDITERRANEAN
Both French and German authoritative spokesmen and the Press welcome the Anglo-Italian Agreement, which is described as a gentleman's agreement, and which is also a model agreement, in-so-far as it tends to foster friendship without being directed against any third power.

The opinion is also expressed that its spirit reaches beyond the local sphere of the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

STRIKE THREAT TO RUBBER UNSETTLEMENT IN MARKET NO PANIC FEAR

London, To-day.
The attention of the London rubber exchange yesterday morning was fixed very much more on the United States' automobile strike situation, than on the International Rubber Restriction Committee's "face-saving" announcement regarding export licences.

The majority of opinion is inclined to the view that the Committee's announcement would be entirely ignored by the market, were it not for the coincidence of the threatened strike in the United States.

Unsettled conditions, marked yesterday morning's market with small positions marked down, though no great speculative selling was evident.

Most of the dealers refuse to allow their confidence to be shaken, especially in view of the prevalent opinion.

The Committee may authorize as much production as it likes, but weather the estates are able to produce it, is quite another thing.

The market may remain undecided until the United States' strikes are settled, when it is expected that the manufacturers are most likely to return to the market.—Reuter.

SPECIALIST TO VISIT VATICAN

GRAVE VIEW OF
POPE'S ILLNESS
HEART CAUSING
ANXIETY

Vatican City, To-day.
The Pope's condition is causing increasing anxiety.

It is officially announced that the local disturbance from which His Holiness is suffering, can gradually continue to improve and can be completely removed, but the condition of his heart counsels prudence in judgment, owing to the very nature of its condition and the Pope's age.

The fundamental cause of the Pope's illness is described as a condition of Arterio Sclerosis with prevalent Miacardiac localisations, and disturbance of the rhythm of the heart.

The Pope's condition is reported to be unchanged and it is understood that Doctor Achille Bonanzone, the Rome specialist, who carried out a slight operation on the Pope some months ago, will be called in for a consultation to-morrow.

The first official bulletin issued early yesterday, confirms the gravity of the illness through which the Pope is passing, and the state of the heart renders the Pope liable to a fatal attack at any moment.—Reuter.

SEES DIGNITARIES

In spite of his critical condition, the Pope received Cardinal Pacelli on Sunday, as well as three church dignitaries, including Archbishop Boughert, of Philadelphia, who will be Papal delegate at the Eucharistic Congress to be held in Manila.

It is stated here, on reliable information, that even should the Pope overcome the present crisis, he will not be able to assume the full duties of his office for a considerable length of time.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FUTURE OF YOUNG MARSHAL Gen. Kuo To Take Over Troops

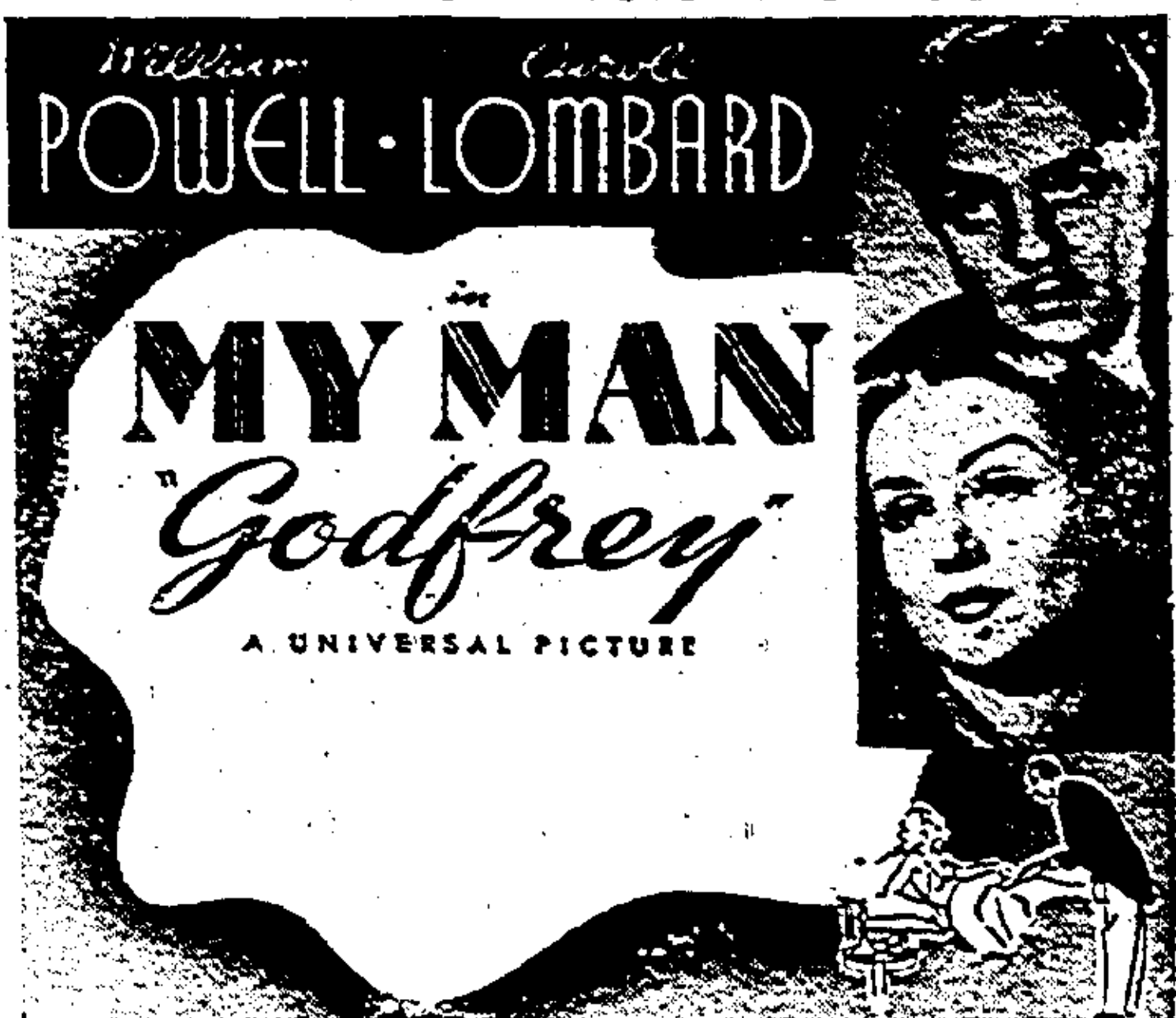
Canton, To-day.
It is officially reported that Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the Nationalist Government, issued a mandate last night for the special pardon of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.

Whether the "Young" Marshal will be reinstated or not, is not announced, but General Kuo Ching-tung, Pacification Commissioner for Yunnan and Kweichow, has been instructed by the Military Affairs Commission to reorganize the forces of the "Young" Marshal in cooperation with military officials in Shensi and Kansu Provinces.

Mr. Shao Lieh-chi, Chairman of the Shensi Provincial Government, will stay in Nanking for some time, it is stated, and Mr. Wang Yat-shan is appointed to act.—Our Own Correspondent.

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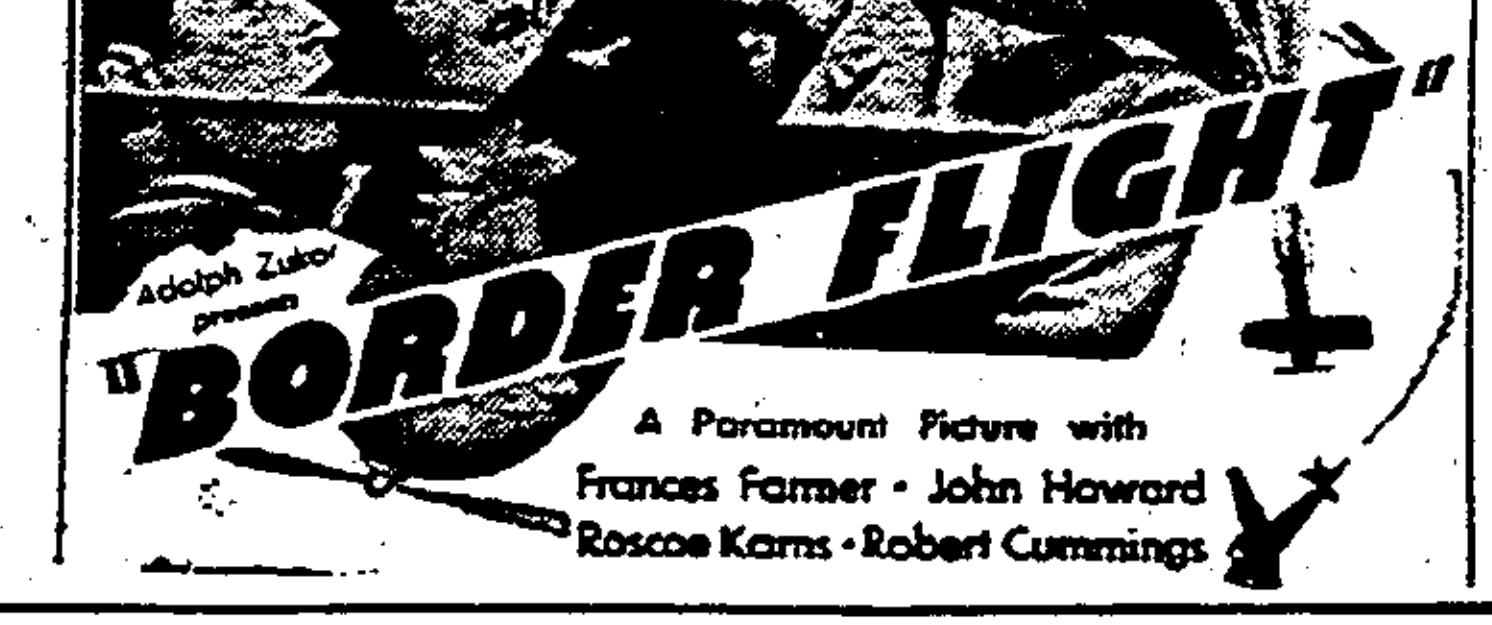


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